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## SCIENTISTS AND CLERGYMEN.

ALBERT MORTON.

"Spiritualism is no new problem that ought to have taken the disciples of science by surprise; based upon mythical or improbable phenomena, it has rapped at the door of every thinker for it enables them to cite modern, living wit throughout the sges for solution. Wanting it, the popular thought, misdirected by a theology that was stone-blind and remains so, has invested the immortality of its own faith with grave-clothes, and converted it into a scare-crow, transforming the most beautiful and sublime process whereby humanity is glorified into a ghastly skeleton, which its ignorance has named death, and converted it into an object of the profoundest horror. It was for science to strip these rags from the immortal spirit. Why has it not been done ?"-Dr. R. T. Hallock.

"A peculiarity of this animal (chamelion) is its power of looking in different directions at the same time. He can turn one eye towards heaven dium gladly, but the Pharisees and pseudo-scien- most heartily approve and agree with every word while his other inspects the earth. There are many clergymen who have the same power."-Alexander von Humboldt.

The interest manifested by many liberal scientists and clergymen in the phenomena of Modern Spiritualism, at the present time, is a tribute of respect for the keen perception-amounting in this case to the gift of prophecy-of Theodore Parker, who said in his notes for sermons:

"In 1856 it seems more likely that Spiritualism would become the religion of America than in 156 that Christianity would be the religion of the Roman Empire, or in 756 that Mohammedanism would be that of the Arabian population.

- I. It has more evidence for its wonders than any historic form of religion hitherto.
- 2. It is thoroughly democratic, with no hier archy; but inspiration is open to all.
- 3. It is no fixed fact, \* \* \* not a finality, but opens a great vista for the future. Its present position is no finality.
- 4. It admits all the truths of religion and morality in all the world-sects."

These notes were probably made before Mr. Parker -- an omnivorous student in more than sphere of scientific research, and is a narrow- of Spiritualism') is for Spiritualism, not for thirty languages - had seen a work written by an minded bigot in casting obloquy upon those who Spiritualists." eminent scientist the year previous, in which the writer-who had striven by the most ingenious divine purpose in the evolution of human beings and scientifically devised machinery to overthrow than in the burrowing of moles, and such importhe monstrous fallacy-relates his experiences, tant questions as "Why do roosters crow at midshowing how he was "hoist by his own petard," and clearly demonstrated one "fixed fact," i. e., the existence of an intelligent power outside the human body, by methods which no modern London Dialectical Society, February 7, 1869, give Spiritual Reformation." This, no doubt, will be theories of subliminal consciousness, telepathy a fair presentation of the views of many intelli- the greatest historical monument in favor of our or astral shell nonsense can controvert; see "Ex- gent Spiritualists in relation to the attitude of cause that has ever been given to the world. It perimental Investigations of the Spiritual Mani- scientists toward spiritual phenomena, as they will make two volumes of about five hundred festations," by Prof. Robert Hare, published in have heretofore generally shown their inability pages each, the whole of which she offers at

plainly states truths in relation to Spiritualism physical phenomena. Mr. Wilkinson says: which, so far as they present the subject, are all its advocates can desire. His commendation is en- both from my own observation, and from testicouraging, coming from such a grand spirit, who mony, the latter mode being, of course, the more was unlike some of the clergymen of his sect, extensive, inasmuch as it embraces the observawho "turn one eye towards heaven, while the tion of all those who have witnessed the phe- sued. other inspect the earth," searching for popularity; for, like Humboldt, "He loved truth better the sum of what all have seen, is greater immeas than his own opinion or bias."

The clergy, if they have any mission to humanity higher than speculation on theological dogmas-founded on questionable authority-are in honor bound to gain all the light attainable in organized tests. Its laws are not known, nor the lawyer, who some half a dozen years since berelation to the continuity of life beyond "the valley and shadow of death." This is a self evident Testimony is all important if only for this con- perverted and yet wonderful medium, Madam truth, otherwise their labors should be confined to sideration, that the report of this committee will, Diss Debarr, received a remarkable series of comthe moral and material elevation of man in mortal life. As this life is generally conceded, by all except Materialists and Agnostice, to be a preparatory condition, while realizing the necessity of moral living here we are not relieved from our obligation to ascertain the best methods to prepare for the life beyond. The intelligent traveller makes due preparation for his visit to foreign lands, how much greater the need if the sojourn the facts will still occur, as they have done might be adopted as a spiritual creed, as pub-

is to be permanent. The relations existing between the present and fane." the higher life have been recognized from the earliest periods of history, as William Howitt said in "History of the Supernatural":

"There is no part of human history, or human literature, which does not abound in the plainest demonstrations of this influence-the influence of the spiritual world operating on this incarnated world. We find it in almost every book we open , we have it in the Scriptures from the first page to the last, from the Creation to Christ

\* \* If we go into nations that never had a literature, this eternal truth is walking there in all its strength. The American Indians-North and South-had it ages before the white man arrived. The Red Men felt the inspirations of the Great Spirit in their forests, and spoke as inspired by it at their councils. They declared that the angels of the Great Spirit walked as friends among their ancestors. " " The conviction of the permanent continuity of the spiritual presses on the earth-walls of humanity wherever spirit lives. " " The fathers of the Church received the miraculous as part of their gospel heritage. The Christian Church Roman, Grecian, and Waldensian never for a momest doubted the super human demonstrations of their religion. Every page of their several histories is freighted with the miraculous."

The Christian Churches are indebted to Mod-

ern Spiritualism for demonstrating that the phe- Written for the Light or TheFill nomena upon which it is founded are of common occurrence at the present day; which fact should be hailed by Christians with joy, inasmuch as it removes from their religion the stigma of being nesses to verify the probable correctness of their ance, I have received many expressions of opinrecords through the operation of natural ion, both oral and written, from prominent Spir laws now, the same as at the commencement itualists. This is what I want, and I shall be best of the Christian Era.

The Protestant Church is blindly undermining in the same. its own foundation in denouncing modern healing, speaking in diverse tongues, etc., as practiced principles too long, but Mr Geo. W. Webster, a by their great exempler and his followers; but student of science and an old educator, now of the Catholic Church is shrewder in its schemeing for monopoly, and countenances the practice sen the platform. He is & Spiritualist of fortyof mediumship within its owns folds as a method three year's standing. He says: of self-aggrandizement.

In the Spiritual movement "history repeats itself," the common people heard the Nazarene me- perhaps, it does not include all I would say, I tists of that time persecuted and crucified him, that you did say. I especially wish to endorse as many of the same classes treat mediums of the present day, "Away with mediums, who are doing the works of their father, the devil."

It is doubtful if Spiritualism can ever be reduced to a science by mortal scientists, but the facts presented by spiritual phenomena have labor for human upbuilding, are a positive duty been thoroughly and scientifically demonstrated to be truths by many eminent scientists, whose evidence must be accepted as conclusive by all incorporated with the others, although purity is it which penetrates all being and forms every huwho are not mentally incapacitated by prejudice repeatedly referred to as well as the temperance or self-interest, from accepting the testimony of movement, and paragraph V. says, "The highest their compeers, the advanced scientists who have aim of noble minds must ever be the upbuilding from orthodoxy into Spiritualism, enters into al. the people; and the result will be that they will not restricted their investigations to the limita- of mankind." tions of materiality.

The province of scientists is to study and explain the operation of natural laws, hence their This lady is probably better acquainted with duty to study the phenomena of Spiritualism in Spiritualism, both European and American, than the only spirit worthy of the grand persuit any other person living. She feels that the "grand yet, his progressive movement toward new truths sincere love of truth, and its acceptance when un- old guard" of pioneer Spiritualists are passing must be slower than it would have been forty help make it, as probably I ought to have done, derstood regardless of personal consequences. away and that those of the present day are not years ago. The beloved William Howitt, of Eng- I will not stand off and growl at those who did The scientist who does not see the importance of living up to their high privilege. "But," she establishing the truth of the continuance of life continues, "your noble ideal, your grand sumbeyond the earthly span is very limited in the mary so splendidly mapped out (in the Platform rian doctrine. England was so bound, as in a bling as Daniel Webster had for sleeping, but in are more especially interested in learning the night?"

The following excerpts from a letter of W. M. Wilkinson, a prominent English lawyer, to the to give the subject unprejudiced consideration, four dollars. She has to have two thousand dol-Mr. Parker, in these notes, gives credit and such as they consider requisite in the study of lars before she will dare to publish the work.

"I am a believer in the occurrence of the facts, nomena in all ages down to our own. Of course, urably than what any one can see. I consider Luther Marsh, have warmly approved of the testimony therefore of the first importance in the seventeen divisions of the platform, and even he in this country. Well, so far as that is concerned, bered, and their kind words, their loyal spirit, matter, which, if it be true, can not, in its very has received them very kindly. Mr. Marsh, it nature, be done to order, and submitted to pre- will be remembered, is the eminent New York conditions under which it appears. \* \* \* when made, itself fall into the category of testi- munications and paintings. Mr. Marsh has stood mony; and it would be inconsistent to claim a firm, heroic, and modest in the face of all the greater weight for it than for other testimony slander of superficial reporters who were not from a credible source. Credible testimony has worthy to unloose his shoes, and has made some already been given in many thousands of in- eloquent speeches in favor of our cause. Mr stances. Your committee will only add one more Marsh commences his letter thus : to the list. If it reports in favor of the phenom. "E D. Babbitt, M. D. Dear Doctor: I have ena, no one will believe it; and if it report against, read your synopsis of the propositions which throughout recorded history, sacred and pro-lished in the LIGHT OF TRUTH of November 11th

your committee has favored us with its report as itualism, there are some few points which are not to the existence of a spiritual world and as to in accord with my instructions from the spheres. whether there have ever occurred any supernatural phenomena, I fear the question will be very highest angels have once been human beings. much as it was before. The public will think The archangels, I presume, youwould regard as you are a set of asses if you report in favor of it, exceptions. I am instructed that while the highand I shall think you are not very wise if you go est spirits were once of human origin, yet that the other way. So you have not at all a pleasant angels are a distinct creation." task before you if you have the least care for In the first place, these seventeen points were what people think or say of you."

who, in the investigation of Spiritualism, cares will never submit to any iron-bound formula previous, Christians went over to the heathen more for the truth than "for what people think which says, "Believe and ye shall be saved, believe weekly festival; and, to-day, some of them are

-When the wife of a wealthy or prominent given even as the general voice of Spiritualism, man in Cincinnati is caught pilfering it is called although my quarter of a century of connection kleptomania. But let a poor woman attempt the with Spiritualism and intense study of its prinsame from motives of hunger, or to prevent ciples under the guidance of the higher world her children from starving, and she is charged should make me considerably acquainted with with larceny, sent to the penitentiary, and dethe matter. If a representative committee of nounced in the bargain. Is this justice? We leading Spiritualists shall sanction these princisaid before that law is only made to regulate the ples, perhaps improving upon them or eliminatpoor. It verified itself last week, as above.

The morbid desire for righting oneself is an to of Spiritualism, not as a creed, or anything healthy spirit to back it, is indifferent to either final or infallible, but as a light to guide the less experienced in the grand pathway of truth. censure or praise.

SPIRITUAL ORGANIZATION.

E. D BABBITT, LL D, M. D.

Since my suggestions embodying a "Platform of Spiritualism," which appeared in the LIGHT OF TRUTH, of November 1th, made their appear pleased by those who can suggest improvements

I was fearing that I had made my scheme of Lake Helen, Fla., would enlarge rather than les

"I have just read your contribution on 'Spiritual Organization' in LIGHT OF TRUTH. While, the 5th, 11th, 13th, 14th, and 17th paragraphs."

Among other things he says: "The conviction is becoming stronger and stronger that tem perance, total abstinence from alcoholic stimubinding upon every person,"

This expression in a modified form might be

I have just received a letter from Mrs. Emma

There are, of course, many imperfect Spiritualists, but after all the highest grade of Spiritualists stand, as I verily believe, at the summit of human development on our planet.

Right here I want to say a word in favor of Mrs. Britten's great "Cyclopælia of Spiritualism," including the "World's Pioneers of the New Let every intelligent Spiritualist, then, send on a promise to take the work at four dollars as soon as it is out, addressing Dr.Wm. Britten, the Lindens, Humphrey Street, Cheetham Hill, Manchester, England. No money is to be paid until it is is-

But to return to our subject, all whom I have met or who have written me excepting one, Mr. came converted to Spiritualism and by aid of that

with great admiration. While I wonder at its In a later letter Mr. Wilkinson said: "When compendious compression of the truths of Spir

"First, I should object to the doctrine that 'the

not given as a creed, but as suggestions for a I have yet to learn of the minister or scientist general platform of Spiritualism. Spiritualists not and ye shall be damned," turned out of our Church and disgraced generally. They are not

ing something from them, they will then be set forth before the world as an authorized manifes-

gels as not having had human birth, or of God as that if they can not find some one to suit them a personal being, or holds to "the divinity of Christ as the son of God, in an especial manner," he has still one foot in orthodoxy while the other has been liberated, and such ones have a need of is, to preach, visit, get acquainted with the people, just such a summary of principles. It can be shown that all life starts at the bottom of the scale of being in connection with the grosser forms of matter, that human beings, elementals, and angels must all bave started into life in this or some other material world, spirit and matter, of course working in union, and that all the savviors, who in different ages and countries have been worshipped as sons of God, or as God him self, were but fallible human beings, though possessed of uncommon qualities and kindled like the rest of us by the great intersoul.

Mr. Marsh says: "I can not assent to the doctrine that whom or what we call God is an abstraction, a formless power like gravitation or other forces."

Nor can I. Paragraph XIV. reasons from step to step to show that "there must be a supreme head of the whole formulated universe, consisting of beings of inconceivable wisdom, power, and glory, who work as a harmonious whole for the lants, tobacco, and drugs, and a life of unselfish exaltation of men, nations, and worlds. This Howard Hall have only good words concerning culmination of universal being may be called the Deific Center, representing the diversity of the lard J. Hull and Mrs. Glading; I refer to them, god power, while the boundless expanse of spir- more than others, because they were both stranman soul, constitutes the Deific Unity."

Every thoughtful, earnest mind, who enters most an infinite field of new knowledge, and it generally requires a number of years to get fully the talk. Hardinge Britten with most encouraging words. on to the higher basis of spiritual truth, even when a person is young. Mr. Marsh is now eighty years old, and though full of power and eloquence land, was allowed by the higher world to be led go and do the best they could. I am like thousby an orthodox spirit who advocated the trinita- ands of others, I have as much talent for grumvice, by the old theology, that Howitt could work this "particular case" I won't use it. I will either more effectually on the people's minds by mov- let the association alone or I will take hold and ing along gradually up the mountain of truth. try to make if better. Say, let us all go to work Whatever Mr. Marsh may think, do, or say, his in that way. The fact is, Spiritualism has so influence and work are excellent in this great long been an unorganized mob that it can't be battle against worldliness and falsehood, and we expected that we will all be up in the nue points give him the right hand of fellowship.

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## Written for the LIGHT OF TRUTH. RAMBLING REMARKS.

BY MOSES HULL.

I have a magazine of my own which, together with an over-load of other duties, take so much of my time that I do not often get an hour I can spend in inflicting my thoughts upon other papers. I often threaten them but generally fail to get around to the execution of my threats.

I see that Capt. E. W. Gould, of this city, St. Louis, Mo., has bombarded our National Thanksgiving Day. Brother Gould has been a hardworking and studious man; he has lived twentyfive years longer, and knows much more about many things than I, but I can teach him one les son, that is Thankgiving can never be abolished vore, nevertheless, they are affectionately rememthe thanks is gone long ago; but while the American turkey and the American oyster re- large field of labor right here in this metropolis. main, we will have American turkey days; and will One may not perceive at once the fruit of his probably nickname it thanksgiving.

Men love their appetites so well that the day heavenly seed is not scattered in vain. of the universal stuffing of the human genus turkey the Christian millennium would come next week.

The fact is, this is not a Christian nation, our Supreme Court to the contrary notwithstanding; and the president has no more right to make a teract the egoistic within us; and our Christmas thanksgiving proclamation than he has to make shall then indeed be joyful. a proclamation of universal baptizing.

When Christianity found the world it found many heathen fasts and feasts. It managed to get rid of most of the fasts-it is always an easy matter to abolish a day of fasting-but Christianity could not have lived if it had not adopted the heathen Saternalia and the heathen Christ mas festivals. Even if it could have survived a single decade, the heathens never would have ac-

As the heathen Sun-day-the dies Solles, was day for feasting and revelry, and the Seventh day Sahbath, kept by the Jews and early Christians, was one of partial fasting, or, at least of eating cold victuals, gathered and prepared the day trying to force it upon us as a weekly Sabbath.

I am glad, Mr. E litor, that you copied Hudson Tuttle's glossary from the Progressive Thinker. I judge from his definition and commentary on Christian Science, that he is almost a Christian Scientist: at least he thinks it only lacks two points, one is Christianity; the other is science. Little shortcomings like that should be forgiven; it is only playing Hamlet, with Hamlet left out. Really, what a Jonah's gourd growth, and what a Jonah's gourd existence that Eldy system of Christian Science had. Requiescat in pace.

When Mr. Marsh speaks of angels or archan- to spend a month or more. I have partly agreed, better, I will speak for them again in April. They, however, want to settle some good man or woman-some one who is willing to work; that and become one of them.

If any such should read this, and think themselves able to fill the bill, let them correspond with Major Bitters, the editor and publisher of the Daily and Weekly Republican. They may strike a job. I will say right here that no drones need apply. They have a beautiful and tastily furnished hall in Rechester; and the society has the faculty of making their workers feel very much at home.

I am glad the epidemic of settling speakers is beginning to strike Spiritualists. We have been fools long enough. There is not a church in America that could maintain itself one year if it changed its minister once a month. Nor are there many ministers who would amount to much if they had to give up their pulpits and open and get acquainted with a new, one every

month. I am now filling my sixth engagement within three years in St. Louis. The people who attend their late speakers. I refer particularly to Wilgers in this city, and I presume I may be partly to blame for their having been engaged. As J. Clegg Wright says, they neither of them satisfied be called back to try it again. At least that is

"Is the National Association what you want?" some one asked me. I answered very promptly, No." I don't know of anything that is just what I want; but as I did not go to Chicago to of organization. We will all make progress by ceasing to grumble, and, if we can not help the organizers, let us cesse to be wet blanket mediums for those who are trying to bring order out of the chaos of Spiritualism.

## Greeting From Walter Howell.

For several years I have written and mailed to my personal friends a Christmas-letter. So many changes are taking place and such a large number have removed from the abodes they formerly occupied, that I deem it better to send my humble greeting through the columns of our Spiritual press.

Although for the past few years I have not cared to accept engagements far from New York City, and many friends whom I meet with pleasure do not find me coming among them as of and their generosity are appreciated. I find a labor; but the faithful soul knoweth well that

I will not occupy too much valuable space in biped on stuffed turkey biped can not be wiped conveying my little message. Those who know out. If Christianity consisted wholly in eating me will realize that the writer sends more good will and earnest wishes than words can express. May the Prince of Peace cast out of our heart the spirit of strife. May the light of truth banish error. May the altruistic nature arise and coun-

Permit me to wish each and all a most enjoyable yule-tide. And, may the year 1894, come freighted with richest blessing, and bright with largest hope and deepest faith in the love, wisdom, and goodness we believe ensphere our being

with infinite tenderness, Yours most fraternally, WALTER HOWELL.

While in Chicago, Mr. Wm. T. Stead, publisher of Borderland, put the question, "What would Christ do if he were in Chicago to-day?" expecting it to be answered by interested citizens. Gen. Trumbull in Open Court says of it: "As very few persons outside of the Sunset Club took the trouble to guess at his conundrum, and as even that intellectual society was compelled to 'give it up,' Mr. Stead came back, and is working the puzzle again. Some of the citizens who have ravelled their brains with it think that if Christ were in Chicago to-day he would adapt his preaching to the conditions of the time, while others think that as he went down to the 'lake front' in Judea, he would go down to the lake front in Chicago, and preach a social economy contrary to the ethics of 'law and order.' It was generally conceded that in either case, unless he consulted Mr. Stead about it, he would meet the opposition of that rather enthusiastic and sanguine reformer. The more serious question is, not what would Christ do, but what would be done to Christ if he were in Chicago now? He would very likely be 'run in' by the police, in-Since the close of my work in Washington, D. dicted by the Grand Jury, sentenced by some C., I spent a month with the little society in venerable jurist to be hanged, and then be par-Rochester, Ind. By the way, that is a good place doned by Governor Altgeld."

the Body.

J B CONNELLY.

Superstitions are old. Superstition is co tem-

ology and psychology, demonstrates that while organism. superstitions are more or less indicenous to human consciousness, the strongest fettering of

The older a superstition, the strenger the hereditary is flaence. The more often a thought force has percolated the intersticial nerve cells of the chambers of the human brain, the stronger becomes the welding convictions of the special character of the nerve force that impressed the understanding of the ego within.

Paought force, like all force, follows the line of least resistance; so, that when a force that is transformed from static to dynamic energy by the presentation to the mind of any subject before considered the thought force follows the lines o' nerve motion that it did on all former occasions; and, by reason of this fact, the same convictions will be impinged upon the consciousness and comprehension of the individual zed intelligence For this reason the Romish priest is warranted in saying: "Give me the child until it is twelve years old and I will entertain no fears of its departing from the religious tenets I shall have nstilled into its mind.'

Notive motions belong to physical science. At the intricate cellular construction of the huma brain, and the net work of the neural system connected therewith, is a matter of study for the anatomist and physiologist.

The result of all nerve motion is to impres upon the psychic, internal, spiritual man the necessity for action in obedience to the impression. The moment we come to the place where s nerve force has produced an impression, we pasfrom the physical man to the metaphysical, where we find our attention encountering all that is wonderful as an introduction to p-vchic science; for we are passing away from the obj-ctive to the subjective, from the physical to the psychical

Our thoughts, which are psychic phenomens, are either the effects of spontaneous emotions arising within the chambers of the brain, or are sensory nerve impressions from without, which are psychical effects of physical causes.

Where the environments and advantages are the same, the mental capacities and general line of conduct of men resemble those of their progenitors, as well as do the contour of facial ex pression and other physical conforma ions. Thus we find that the law of heredity is obeyed, both in psychical and physical phenomena.

While it is a fact that variations occur, avatisms do also; the natural tendency of reversion is a well-known fact in natural science; so strong are hereditary it floences.

But hereditary law being as well established as any law in nature, and . lmost, if not quite, uni versally accepted as a correct criticism in the physical and psychical sciences, we leave the question here, referring our readers to the libraries for all the evidence they can possible

Among the superstitions that have been us happily fastened upon the human consciousness there are none, perhaps, more deeply imbedded than the superstition of the resurrection of the human body.

It is a superstition that could not now make its way into the minds of men, for it is too dismetri cally opposed to the absolute knowledge of the several sciences. But the superstition is with us; it is here legitimately, for it has come through a long line of ancestral lineage, covering a period of time from ten thousand to fifteen thousand years. It is an hereditary influence, the strength of which is best remarked when the fact is cited that it is believed in by thousands whom we call scholars, notwithstanding the scientific demon strations of its palpable fallacy to the contrary.

The genius, the erudition, and the indefatigable industry of the learned Bausen has revealed to us through the science of Egyptology that the superstition of the resurrection of the body wa already an hereditary influence in the mind of civilized Exypt 4 000 years B C, and that Egyptian mythology places its origin at a date about 23 000 years earlier. Manetho, the Egyptian chronographer, as well as Eratosthenes, found the superstition in hieroglyphical inscriptions. deciphered by Champollion, in times that must have preceded Menes, the first king of the first Egyptian dynasty that borders on this side of Egyptian mythology. We are not surprised therefore, at the continuance of this hereditary superstition to our own times; and it will be emancipated from priestly inculcation only when the masses possess the necessary scientific knowledge to render its belief impossible.

Note the effect upon the human body when the spirit has left it. It is a lifeless form of tissue structure; a spectacle from which we turn combination of simpler ones, capable of being lieved of their coherent energy by oxidation or as light as a feather. the slower process of decay. These primitive combination of oxygen, nitrogen, hydrogen, car- a higher science—there are two which in the it will be paid—but hurry up." bonic acid gas, and a few salts. All are primitive opinion of all Western travelers or Indian resigases, solidified by a natural process of synthesis, to prepare a physical body with which to habitate These are the so-called "mango trick" and the me. But I was urged to go on. I went in, and to a spirit during its experience in physical life. By "rope trick." the combustion or decaying of an organic form these primitive gases return to their great my feelings, when I saw the mango trick for the morning, what brings you here?" again by other plant and animal organisms for their sustenance and growth.

Cremate the corpse of a beautiful woman to-

The Superstition of the Resurrection of hausted energy, where they will subserve their or fifteen yards of him, but the average distance Mr. C. good morning. On, I have only called to atmosphere.

pore with the crude efforts of the mind to inter the life of a planet. But no mode of logic or about the size of a large pear, growing on a tree now, you can have it How much is it?" pret holder cause by objective effect; as when sy logistic reasoning, or conception of the mind, which rescues a height of from forty to one hunthe troal dyte assigned the cause of thunder outside of mental gymnastics, can conceive of an dred and twenty feet. The Yoghi dug a hole in and lightning to the wrath of an angry Monster. hypothesis whereby all the molecules of an or the ground, about aix income deep, placed the Science, in its several departments of physi- game form can be reproduced in a second mango in it, and covered it with earth.

> Our mortuary tables show that 86 400 people the last 10 000 years over two hundred thousand respirat on and alimonious accretion from the earth and atmosphere, and again returned to the same source of supply. The atoms which com- on it. posed their bodies have enriched our soil and eturned to the atmosphere that excircles our

With every inhalation we respire atoms of carbonic acid gas, as a heritage of our ancestors who may have lived thousands of years ago, and may have passed through thousands of organic forms ince. With every exhaustion we set free atoms f oxygen as exhausted energy to be again taken up by some organic form to promote new energy and re-combustion. This circulatory utility of he primary gases, by the authority of geological pochs, has continued for millions of years, and here is not anything in the several sciences. snown to us at present, that would warrant the if years to come.

Let education hurry away the superstition of the resurrection of the body, as only a nightmare astened upon human consciousness by a design ng priesthood, whose success and capacity of ertile inventions for holding our race in mental bondage is without parallel in any other departnent of human history.

## THE WONDERS OF HINDOO MAGIC.

Mr. H Hensoldt, Pa. D, relates in the Decem per Arena some wonderful experiences connected with his travels in India, of which the following is an extract:

As it has been my fate to travel in India Paibet, Burmah, and Ceylon for a number of years, and as I have made a somewhat close tudy of oriental life, history, and philosophy, I may, perhaps, be qualified to advance an opinion on this subject. In the following I shall, thereore, endeavor to relate some of my experiences n the line of Eastern magic.

Our conjurers perform their paltry tricks a aight, in an artificially illuminated hall, on a platform, surrounded by an arsenal of apparatus They can do little or nothing without the aid of pparatus. They usually perform in full dress, and thus are enabled to conceal a multitude of things in pockets, etc., made for this purpose. Now the Hindoo Pundits, Yoghis, and Rishis exaibit their astounding feats in broad daylightgot in halls or on platforms, but in the streets. cardens, and public squares of India's greatest cities. They usually work alone, permitting the pectators to approach them very closely and to urround them completely. They appear half daked, and if they make use of apparatus at all, it consists merely of one or two commonplace objects, such as a couple of short sticks and half cocoanut shell. But with these they will do inings which are perfectly marvelons.

For instance, a Fakeer will take a large east ben dish, pour into it about a gallon of water, and sold it steadily in his left hand, the other hand seing raised to his forehead. Then the vessel will diminish in size while you look on, growing smaller and smaller; so that at last it would take a magnifying glass to recognize it. Then it dis appears completely. This will occupy about a minute and a half. Suddenly you see sgain a any brown object, not bigger than a sand-grain : this enlarges in the most inexplicable manner, till, at the end of another minute, the original dish, a foot in diameter, filled with water to the brim, and weighing at least fifteen pounds, is igain before you.

Or he will hold out one-half of a cocoanut shell at the end of a stick, and then slowly withdraw he latter, leaving the shell without support in the air, as rigid as if it were part of a stone pillar. On one occasion I saw a Fakeer pour out of a cocoanut shell, which he held high with his naked

arm, enough water to fill a dozen large backets

A Pandit will ask a spectator to place a stone. a piece of wood, a bucket of water, or any object request him to lift it again, which he is unable marvel to me while in India, and in spite of the audited. most careful observation I have been unable to requested me to hold a small, empty wicker basket, which certainly did not weigh more than eight ounces. Suddenly-and without my know with aversion; but it is simply an organic struc- ing what to expect-it became so heavy that it my hand seemed to grasp it as with an iron grip,

> Among all the marvelous feats accomplished dents, who have witnessed them, take the lead.

natural reservoir, the atmosphere, to be drawn on first time. This was in a large public square in

In the centre of one of the largest squares in set free, may to-morrow be decomposed and set hundred people, forming a large circle of about was anywhere else.

loved her, and be distributed by the circulatory much nearer to him than others, and he seemed it for suditing and to be collected on the tenth, system to some living tissue to supply an ex- to have no objection if people came within ten I turned off to the proprietor, and said: "Ah, purpose for a time and then return again to the kept by the speciators was, I dare say, forty leave a little ball. I kto a I'm too early in the This endless chain of combination and re com | mango is; for the benefit of the few who may thought I would leave it, and get rid of it." bination repeats itself throughout all the ages of not, I will say that it is an edible tropical fruit, "Weil," replied be, "if you need the money

In a few minutes I was startled to see, in the air, above the spot where the mango had been cally, as I took the bill from the proprietor and die every day, 31 000 000 every year, and more buried, the form of s large tree-at first rather handed it through the pigeon hole. the mind by superstition is due to hereditary than three thousand mulions in every century. In indistinctly, presenting, as it were, mere hazy outlines; but becoming visibly more distinct, millions of human bodies have been formed by until at length there stood as natural a tree as please." ever I had seen in my life-a mango tree, about fifty feet high, and in full foliage, with mangoes

But the most amszing thing of all was this after having gazed at it for about two or three minutes, I slowly approached it, wishing to make a closer examination of the stem, and, if possible, to secure some of the leaves. Now, in proportion as I drew near, the tree seemed to lose its distinctness; its outlines b came blurred and faded, so that I had to strain my eyes to retain the impression of its fogm, until, when about ten vards from the supposed stem, the apparition nad completely vanished. Only the Yoghi stood there, and he smiled as he caught my eye, but nis look was such as I shall not easily forget And my surprise did not end here, for no sooner nad I commenced retracing my steps, than the onclusion that it will not continue for millions outlines of the tree appeared once more, growing more distinct with every step till, at last, when reaching the spot where I had originally stood it had resumed the same marvelous reality Pre cisely the same thing happened when, instead of approaching the tree, I went further away fr m it. It faded, and finally disappeared completely when I had about doubled the distance; then came back again and appeared as distinct as ever when I got to my original position. And it was evident that all the rest of the onlookers under went the same experience-viz., each individual saw the tree only from the place where he stood Two English officers, who happened to be very close to me, saw nothing at all, as I could notice from their remarks; they appeared to be highly amused, and were wondering what we were gazing at, but they had not witnessed the performance from the commencement.

> "The mango tree had now been in view fully twenty minutes, during which a large concourse of people had gathered. Then the Yoghi began to lecture. It was easy to perceive that the listeners were profoundly impressed with the Yoghi's preaching, and as for myself, I had become so absorbed in it that I seemed to forget time and space. I certainly did not notice what afterwards startled me more than anything, viz, the disappearance of the tree. When the Yoghi had finished his discourse the tree was gone; it must have vanished suddenly, and yet the precise moment of its deseppearance nobody could tell. The Yoghi quietly arose, folded up his mat, then went to the spot where the tree had stood and kneeled down, taking from a small bundle, which he held under his arm, a short stick. With this he stirred up the earth, and in a few moments brought out again the fruit which he had planted. I was very close to him at the time, and he allowed me to take it in my hand. present on the ground that a Sakhya was not in and I saw him disappear among the crowd, leaving me utterly bewildered and more than ever conscious of the truth of that saying which Shakespeare puts into the mouth of Hamlet, that there are more things in heaven and earth than are dreamed of in our philosophy. This was my first experience of the famous mango parts of India since.

## Written for the LIGHT OF TRUTH.]

Do Spirits Aid Materially? BY THE EDITOR.

Oa another one of these occasions, as referred to in last issue, I had collected what money I could, with many promises to pay later, and no others to call on where there was any certainty ne may select, on any given spot. He will then of getting the money. I needed about twenty dollars more to make up the pay-roll for that to do, as the object seems suddenly to have ac- noon. I had not the least idea where to get it. I quired an enormous weight. While pulling at it had a bill for that amount among my documents, with his might and main the Pundit suddenly but it was against a large concern that only paid releases the spell, and up goes the object as if bills on the tenth of the month-the same to be shot from a cannon. This has been a standing presented three days before pay day to be

ture, a mass of complex substances, built up of a not only fell, but dragged me down with it, and an impression began to steal over me, urging again, and all was quiet. me to collect that bill. Wondering if it was a reduced to their primitive isolations when re- for I could not let it go. Then, again, it became spirit pushing me, I took my pencil, held it over See advertisement in another column. my bill-book, and, then and there, on a street corner, asked mentally, if there was any use for substances prove to be, by chemical analysis, a by Hindoo Yoghis, or rather prophets-adepts of me to go there. It wrote automatically: "Yes,

> Without further questioning I hurried until I I shall never forget the day, and the state of corner of the office near a window, saying : "Good

but the proprietor of the concern, holding a newspaper open and apparently looking for Agra a Yoghi planted a mango. There were something special. It was a rare occurrence to day, and the molecules of carbonic soid gas, thus present about two hundred and fifty or three find the proprietor in the office. His business straw across their path displays a narrow spirit progress than to have a scientific demonstration

Our Contributros. by the sc ton of the san on the beautiful corolla w.... yards in dismeter, is the centre stood the instead of going to the book keeper, as 1 MY HOROSO.

MY HOROSO. pards. Most of my readers will know what a month to collect it, but as I was passing by, I is a science this art of casting one's horoscope.

I handed him the bill.

Looking at it, he cried out to the book keeper "Mr. Smith, just pay this bill, and tell the suditor it to all right-I authorized you to pay it " 'Yes, sir,' replied the book-keeper emphati-

Looking at the bill to see the amount, the book keeper said, returning it to me "Receipt it,

I did so, and the next moment was twenty dol lars b-uer off, and had all the money I needed for that day I elt happy enough to have em braced ettner the back keeper or the proprietor, but I reserved my feeting of delight for myself, and, after thanking and passing a few more commonplace remarks with the proprietor, I bowed

When I reached the street the whole secret flashed on me in an instant. My spirit friends knew the proprietor of that as abitahment was in the office at that time, and without whose momentary presence or order to pay, the bookkeeper would never have deviated one tota from the office rules Furthermore, they knew they could prevail on him or his spirit friends to do as ne did, and thereby help me out of a dilemma that had no other outlet than the one just told. It was a clear case of spirit aid at a moment it was

## What Our First Mediums had to Endure

Mrs Leah (Fox) Undernill gives the following narrative of spiritual phenomena in her book, entitled the "Missing Link:"

The two girls had gone into the garden. All at once came a dreadful sound, as if a pail of bonny-clabber had been poured from the ceiling and fallen upon the floor near the window. The sound was horrible enough, but, in addition, came the jarring of the windows and of the whole house, as if a heavy piece of artillery had been discharged in the immediate vicinity. I was so paralyzed by fear that I could not move, and sat stup fied; again came the same terrible sound, with all the jarring as at first, and yet it again came; when I sprang from the sofa and rushed into the garden. The children immedi ately cried out: "What is the matter, Leah! How pale you look!' But I made some evasive answer, as I did not wish to alarm them

We went to bed at an early hour, being tired and much excited. The children had expressed great fear, and I went to bed with them. No sooner had I extinguished the light, than the children screamed, and one of them said she felt a cold hand passing over her face, and another over her shoulders and down her back. Katie was also much frightened. I arose from my bed and struck a light, and sought the Bible, from which I read a chapter. But while I was reading the girls felt some touches. I had never felt them; and I could not

realize that they were not in some way mistaken. It was now late in the night, and all was stlent. We thought we would try to sleep, as we were tired and excited. But the instant we extin-It was an ordinary mango-an unripe one appar- guished our light the Bible flew from under my ently, for it felt rather hard. I expressed my pillow-where I had placed it, supposing that the surprise at his wonderful powers, and compli- sacred volume would be respected. The box of mented him on his elequence, but he merely matches was shaken in our faces, and such a va smiled. I then offered him two rupees, and tried riety of performances ensued that we gave up in to engage him in conversation, but he refused the despair to our fate, whatever it might be. We called on each other, if either was silent a few need of money, and he begged to be excused, as he moments, that we might know that we were especially the spirit messages. I have received had a great way to go. So he walked off rapidly, all alive. Finally, when the night was nearly a fine test lately, and if you care to publish it spent, the disturbance ceased, and we fell asleep.

But the next night we retired about ten o'clock We slept quietly for about two hours, when we were awakened by the most frightful manifestations. The house was in a perfect uproar. Tables and everything in the room below us were feat, but I have witnessed it five times in various closed. Then they walked up stairs and into the one. I prized it very highly. In moving from room next to us. There seemed to be many actors engaged in the performance, and a large aufirst scene, there was a great applause by the spirit audience. Immediately following, one amuse the audience, for a loud clapping of hands followed the performance. Then they after them. This continued nightly until we found another house-one on Prospect street, Rochester-this one being on Mechanics Square, where the rappings had also followed us.

Nothing occurred the first night. But about midnight on the second, we heard footsteps coming up the stairs, walking into the little place I This was only the second or third of the had partitioned off by a curtain in my room. Then she said: "He is playing a violin." I asked solve the mystery. On one occasion a Pandit month, and therefore it was a hopeless case for They soon began to shuffle and giggle, and whisme even to harbor a thought of collecting that per. Occasionally they would come and give our bill. Nor would I try, as I might be regarded as bed a tremendous shaking, lifting it with us, en- could tell me anything about his old violin. She unbusiness-like to expect such a concern to tirely from the floor, almost to the ceiling and deviate from its rules. But despite these thoughts then let us down and pat us. Then they retired "That violin was stolen from you." I said yes.

Such and other similar records fill the book.

The difference between assaulting Christian preachers by the spiritualistic press, and assaulting mediums by the secular press, is that we need but tell the naked truth concerning fallen reached the office-door, when my heart failed preachers to horrify our readers, while the secular press has to resort to untruths to create a sensa- punishment. my surprise was greeted by a voice from one tion concerning mediums. It is simply giving truth for lies, without danger of libel suits, while the daily press will run across a snag some day Looking in that direction, who should it be that will be a surprise to sombody's bank that of spirit communion through mediums,

MY HOROSCOPE.

MRS. LUBLLA NICOLAI

See the look of incredulity come over the face of my unbelieving reader. Notwithstanding, it It seems to me to have as sure a footing as mathematics and is founded on it. Certein unaltera. bie laws produce fixed results and nothing will change unless a change is made in one or more of the quantities, for instance two and two make four. Here is a fixed law underlying, change the two to torce and we have five, the same law but different quantities, bence different results. ()ar I ves are governed by psychic law, and the sooner we become resigned to events as they come, the nearer we are to Pisgab's beight. But I have not told of my sad fate-according to the readingtwo husbands, as if I had not tormented this one enough without decoying another victim I am not willing to tell more about my horoscope so basten to that of a friend. It shows how marvelous a master of steilar science Geo. V. Cord. ingly, of St. Louis, is.

After ascertaining the birthday Mr. Cordingly was controlled by Red Jacket, and taking a pencil drew innumerable little triangles, atars, halfmoons, circles, etc. Then he wrote out in Egyptian characters the life chart of the lady, The toil wing are the comforting facts the lucky one received

"In July, 1894, you will go to Cincinnati or Cuicago, Cincinnati preferable at that time, August, 1\*95 you will go to Spokane or Gregon, where husband will make great wealth. Avoid San Francisco, danger of sickness and death at that place. A will is to be made soon which will bring you financial aid. Do not purchase land in 1896. Danger of bad deeds. March, 1897, you are in danger of fire by steamboat or house. Begin no business schemes in December, unless on borrowed capital. Be careful about red haired women in business relations. Your husband's greatest prosperity from 1895 to 1899 Business will be slow until March 6, 1894, when it will begin to improve. Sign no papers in the Spring of 1894. Never plant peppers or try to raise anything toat grows under the ground. Daughter will be bright in mathematics, a good journalist, and requires to be given every advantage of education to further her interests."

This reading was given as fast as Mr. Cordingly could talk. He has been the speaker for the Spiritualists Society of Indianapolis for the month of November, holding a large audience spell-bound for two hours or more.

His psychometric tests are quite a change from those usually given. He describes events in the life, giving many correct dates of importance, warnings to avert danger, and wonderful messages from spirit friends, proving that when we think we are entirely alone we are surrounded by a cloud of unseen witnesses.

This remarkable speaker and test medium goes next to Chicago to fill a two months' engagement, having previously been engaged there for ten consecutive months. We are very sorry to lose him, as like an old violin, he grows better every day, and the music from the heavenly spheres is no more divine. We kindly envy any society who secures his services, as our president, Mr. B. F. Schmidt, tells us, the society has been greatly benefited financially as well as spiritually through Mr. Cordingly's earnest efforts. A vote of thanks was tendered him by the audience on Sunday morning, December 3d. He leaves us with the most harmonious feeling existing in the society.

## A Neat Test.

To the Editor of the LIGHT OF TRUTH

I have been reading the LIGHT OF TRUTH of late and have become very much interested in it, would like to see any skeptic get around it.

Some twenty-three years ago I lost my oldest brother, a violin player, who played for dancing, using his left hand for the bow. In playing one night he had a paralytic stroke in his left arm. Eventually it carried him off. His violin was being moved about. Doors were opened and given to me, it being his own, and a valuable Maine to Wisconsin it was stolen out of a box in which I had it packed. So I have never heard of dience in attendance. The representation of a it since. While sitting in Dr. and Mrs. Perkin's pantomine performance was perfect. After the developing circle a short time ago at Tacoma, a young lady who was just developing as a medium, and an entire stranger to me, received a shock in spirit was heard to dance as if with clogs, which her left arm. The doctor asked if any one in the continued fully ten minutes. This seemed to circle had a friend who had passed out from such a cause. I was struck with the case of my brother, and said I had lost a brother who had walked down stairs again, slamming the doors trouble of that nature. He requested me to mention names, which I did. Then he asked me to speak the brother's name among them. He was holding the lady's hand at the time, and both received a shock when the right name was given. I was requested to take the lady's hand, which I did; and began to ask questions. The lady then gave a good description of my brother. how he was playing? She said: "With his left hand he holds the bow." I then asked if he turned around to me with eyes closed, and said: She then said: "Your brother is pointing to a man now, who has a violin under his arm, and the man looks alarmed, and is going away."

Now, this young lady had no possible way of knowing my past history, or about the violin, She very minutely described my brother's room in which he passed out; the color of the furniture, etc. The thief was evidently in spirit life, too, and carrying his burden with him as a D. H. GETCHELL

If preachers were consistent in obeying all the other biblical prohibitions in connection with they would neither eat pork nor cut their beard. But the latter is obsolete, they say-not in ac-Many are charitable in precept only. The first cord with progress. What is more in accord with of immortality?

# SPIRIT MESSAGES.

Questions answered by Spirit John Pierpont, Mrs. M. T. Longley, medium,

We have a number of mediums employed for this de-partment who sit at stated seasons for apirit messages specially in ended for our readers and taken down by an amanuensis. In justice to the spirits, the mediums, and the cause we would be pleased to have these mess-ages verified by those recognizing anything familiar in

Questions to be answered should be germane to Spiritnaisen; must contain one inquiry only; be impersonal, and have the name of the questioner attached. Information under these circumstances cheerfully given.

STAIL communications concerning this department must be addressed to Light of Tatta, or C.C. Stowatt.,

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## REPORT OF SEANCE

In accepting the position of replying to such questions as are propounded to me by the readers of the LIGHT OF TRUTH I deem it wise to make a few preliminary remarks. As it is well known it has been my office for many years to attend my beloved medium, Mrs. Longley, at the Banner of Light circles in Boston, and through her instrumentality, consider questions and give such advice to spirits and mortals as I found it incumbent upon me to do.

For a year or two previous to our resignation of that position in June last, I felt the importance of making a change, not only because the health and well-being of my medium required this, but also because I, as an individual spirit, desired to move my base of operations from the East to the West, and I gave proper notice to my constituents on both sides of life of my intentions in this respect. At my closing public circle in Boston, held on June 30th, I gave my farewell address at which time I stated that although I was about to give up my work in that establishment I should still continue my labor for humanity through my medium, and that I could use her powers even better in the present time than I have done in former years.

It is with pleasure that I now come to add to the present labor of my medium and myself upon the Pacific coast, that of conducting the question and answer department in the LIGHT OF TRUTH. The entrancement of my medium by promiscuous spirits seeking to send communications to individual friends has been, for the present at least, suspended, as her guides feel that she has accomplished her work in that direction, and that her powers are to be otherwise employed, but should an occasional message of instruction from some thinker from the spirit side be brought to us while engaged in our work for the LIGHT OF TRUTH, or perchance a loving com munication by some augel visitant seeking to comfort a mortal friend, it will not be denied a hearing through this channel of expression.

I come in the spirit of love to all humanity, and give greeting to each one.

JOHN PIERPONT.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS. QUES-[J. F. H, Somerville, Mass] What does the controlling intelligence think of the

evolution theory in things material? ANS .- To our mind evolution is the law of na ture, whether expressed in the physical universe or in the unfoldment of spiritual things. Evo lution is a beneficent law, since it denotes development or progress. The planet itself is constantly evolving a higher condition of perfection -from the period of time when mammoth forms in animal life trod the forests or ploughed the sees, when gigantic forms of vegetation grew rank and wild upon its surface, to the present age, the earth has been passing through a process of development, evolving higher types of life in every department of its being, from age to age. We believe in evolution-that which is progressive-that from the earliest dawn, matter has been acted upon by spiritual forces to put forth grander and nobler manifestations of its power. It does not trouble us to be told that, according to Darwin, man descended from ape-like creatures-rather do we stand in awe and admiration of that mighty plan and power which evolves from the simple-that which is varied, complex, and magnificent, and if, in the dim twilight of creation, animated form could not display the wonders of intellectual unfold ment, and the human could only be brought into activity through the evoluting process of growth and development from the rudimentary intelli gence of the animal specie, then we can admit that greater than all the schemes and designs of man is the wonderful power of infinite will, and as far from being a descent of man, from the lower kingdoms, it becomes, in our sight, an ascent, rising higher and higher toward the perfect life. God does not disdain to manifest the infinite intelligence, through the low est forms of existence, and to work up ward toward the apex of creative power. Why then should man disdain the thought that intelligence, such as has been developed in the intellectual life of humanity, may have put forth its first feeble expressions through the animal inner nature up from the quickening forces of

Ques .- [J. B. C., Cincinnati, O] Can the spirit world inform us when, or in what age, the true, upright-walking and talking man made his ap pearance on the earth?

ANS -It is not settled between spirits discussing this point at what precise age in the world's history, man, as a conscious, thinking entity first appeared on the earth. It is well known that the first humans resembled the animal of previous ages more closely than they would resemble human beings of the present day. Their bodies were thickly set with coarse, dark hair, their hands and feet appeared more like the extremities of animals than of men, their heads were round, with scarcely any forehead, but with projecting posterior skull. Although able to stand upright, their attitude, especially in running, was somewhat crouching. The managers Are trance lecturers, as a rule; successful? of your museums of the present day would be delighted to obtain a specimen of primitive man and to exhibit him in their shows. Many sges his own mentality is made subservient to that of have passed since this primitive human lived and the controlling intelligence. He may not, as a battled with the hard conditions of life, but by spirit entity, have been withdrawn from direct the operations of these very same severe conditions the intellectual forces of his nature were stirred into activity, and they came to be exer. he may have wandered forth, leaving his form in cised in the qualities of cunning, contrivance, the possession of the controlling intelligence calculation, and investigation, gradually devel-

achievements of the present day.

earth, has, we are told, come to the height of its organism, wishes to retire, the fact is made place to be in; and sich nice paple. They tell development as far as the grades of evolutionary known to the medium by vibrations along the growth and variation of species are concerned. line which connects it with him, and he at once Pope and his arrogance. Indade, I would like to Not that the planet is perfected, it has yet to returns to take possession. Unconscious medi-swape him into the sea with all his foin clothes. pass through a refining process that will bright. ums are made so because they can better respond. Arrab, and what does he be doing all the toime en its general aspect, soften much that is now to the will of the spirit in that condition than but robbing the poor paple with his talk of rigorous in the manifestations of nature, and otherwise. A trance lecturer, if controlled by purgatory and pinance. So just be giving ime a beautify its surface. This refiging process will intelligent spirits, who understand their instrube wrought through the influence of the spirit world of light is the counterpart of your earth, be successful in their chosen field of labor. ual planet watch bears it company. This other and upon it humans live who have once dwelt upon this planet. That spiritual body generates a magnetic force that is imparted to its physical prototype, and which assists in purifying, refieing and perfecting nature and her works. The the universe, physical or spiritual, but we may highest type of evolution is humanity; we know of nothing beyond it, although in appearance, in manners and in conduct, human beings in other principle which must ever be nameless, since it worlds far surpass those who dwell on earth, and plume themselves on their superiority. But Force is that supreme power, intelligently di the refiging process is going on. Evolution has now to do with the mental, and under spiritual influences and ministrations it will proceed until human beings appear, not as "A little lower than the augels," but as veritable gods themselves.

QUES -[J. W. C., Indianapolis, Ind.] Is it necessary to a spirit, newly born into the spirit world, to be taught the art of communication

with its fellow-spirits? Ans .- Spirits entering the other life will be able to communicate with such associates as force, the builder of all substance. Each of are in sympathy with and upon the same place as these quantities may be called divine, united they themselves. Spirits do not depend upon lan- become supreme, omnipotent, and are the infi guage or signs as means of nuderstanding each nite cause. other, at least such intelligences as have risen above the earth sphere do not, but by the interchange of thought they come en rapport with each other. Thought to an advanced spirit becomes audible, passing out from the mind upon dear ones in this way. But kind friends have the spiritual atmosphere, the thought-waves brought me here, and are assisting me. My produce vibrations that reach the quickened sense of their recipient, and become eloquent reaches out to them, and I take this method to with sound. Hence, the thought of a mortal may have them know that I still live. They do not be heard by a spirit as a harsh, discordant note apon the air, or a sweet, melodious sound, ac- that will read my message and will tell them of cording to its purity and harmony. A spirit may it. I lived in Larned, Kansas, where my dear ones not be able to understand the thought-waves of an intelligence above him in progress, although the latter can read the mind of the former. One when I passed into the spirit realm; which will must grow to that which is beyong him before he can comprehend it. A newly born spirit will of the home to know I am often with them, and activity, and he will have no difficulty in conversing or communicating with those about him.

QUES .- [G. W. M., Adeline, Ill.] What is the lieve that it is really father talking to the boys condition of a rum-seller upon his entrance into the spirit land?

ANS -He may, for a time, remain in the same condition of indifference to the degradation and suffering of his fellow beings that he exhibited on earth, and, indeed, continue right here in contact with physical dross. But as his spiritual sensibilities become vitalized by the unerring action of forces from the higher law he will grow restive, unhappy, find himself surrounded by the darkness of his own emanations, which are weighted and colored by material elements, through which no helpful, encheering light will penetrate. He who dealt out intoxicating drinks to those whom he knew would become its victims, will, at sometime, be haunted by a consciousness of his wrong-doing. The reproachful faces of suffering wives, and of crying children, will rise before him, and the groans that have been wrung from his victims will ring in his ear, and not until he has suffered to the full, call for help and made effort to help others who are in despair will he be able to outgrow the terri ble effects of his career.

QUES -[G. W. C., New Orleans, La.] "The only way to govern nature is to obey her laws," and as there can be no mediator between man and law, can there possibly be any utility in prayer?

ANS-Obedience to law brings the surest results of health and happiness to all conscious beings. Yet it does not follow that man may not receive, a blessing by lifting the soul in prayer. The true attitude of prayer is not one of supplication, but it is the opening of the spirit to the blessings of life; it helps to bring the individual into line with the operation of law, since it makes him receptive to the influx of spiritual life and love that cometh from above. It is a law of nature that flowers and plants grow under the influence of sunlight and the ministrations of rain, but if the florist covers the blooms of his garden with heavy cloths the moisture and the light is withheld from them, and they wither away. It is a law of the spirit that soul-life and power unfold in the light of spiritual activity, but if the individual closes his spiritual life, he suffers accordingly. Through aspiration and soul desire, which is true prayer, the inner life is opened to an inception of pure influences and higher aspirations that will prove stimulating and helpful to his life. It is useless to pray that law shall be changed in its operations, but to aspire for such an understanding of law as will enable us to intelligently work in accordance with it, and to ask that we may receive and become aware of the light and truth of the divine, and the ministrations of the helpful and loving spirits will only increase our receptivity to that which is above and superior to the sensuous, and give us strength to become a law unto ourselves.

Ques .- [D. H. C., Franklin, Neb ] Can you tell us why it is that a medium, while entranced, is not able to know what is being said and done

Ans .- A fully entranced medium is unconscious to external surroundings, because, for the time, contact with his body, but may have been cast into a magnetic sleep by the operating power, or, preserving his own connection with it by a mag- and contented with his new life and surroundoping into the glorious mental and mechanical netic tie, which, like a cord of light, holds him ings. I come to him often and watch over him to the body, but which is flexible and elastic in with loving care.

Ques -[4. E K G-and R-pids, Micb] If the variations of animal species have culminated to their present advantage, may not advancement still and may we not, with reason, expect a race of b-ings superior to man?

Dennis McCarty.

And sure, the good man, the boss of these messages, says I can come and sphake me piece too, and begoing a superior to man? ANS -We do not look for this since the planet tant localities. When the intelligence, using his down on me knees any more. Is this not a foin ment, and have something to say, and know Dennis McCarty, and I was living in Baltimore, when, where, and how to say it, can not fail to Md., but now I am here, just as much alive as

QUES-[H J M, Philadelphia, Pa] Can you denne the words, matter, force, and spirit, as

viewed by intelligent spirits? Ans .- Matter, as we understand it, is substance, and hence it may exist in every department of also say that matter is the manifestation or mode of expression of that controlling, animating can not be analyzed or defined by finite minds. rected, which vitalizes all substance, and electri fies the universe with light. Spirit is the intel ligence that quickeneth all life into potential and active expression. Matter is the aggregation of elements, atoms, and forces that compose objective form and substance. Force, in its primal meaning, the operation of that governing principle which infuses all things with active power. Spirit, the intelligent director of all

# SPIRIT MESSAGES.

## Henry Montford.

How strange for me to communicate to my family live in the Far West-still my love know of this beautiful trath, but there are those now are, having moved from Rscine, Wis., in 1882 to Kansas. I was forty-six years of age be one year this coming January. I want those soon find his mental perceptions quickening into in time they will understand and know Spiritualism better. It will be my work to bring about conditions for this that they may know and beagain, and your husband guiding and directing for you the same as in life. To my wife Helen and sons, John and Willie, I send these few words

## Robert and Mary Truesdale.

I send this message to my daughter who reads the LIGHT OF TRUTH and will understand. Dear child, how happy it makes your spirit friends feel to know your success in your new field of la bor, going as you did, a strauger in a strange land, and meeting with such good results as a speaker for the cause of truth, bringing comfort and happiness to many of earth's children. Jimmie is here with us, and says, tell my wife I am pleased with the progress being made. We are doing all we can to help her. A great good will come in a spiritual way from the changes. The people will appreciate and congratulate themselves in being, able to have her in their midst as care to me sgain. At that time I requested her to return good for evil; to give away all and an instrument working for the spirit world. So to come to your circle: She did so and it was fear not. Before these things were preached. keep on, we will ever aid and assist you.

## George Bloomer.

I am so glad of the opportunity to send word to my dear ones, and am also happy that my wife understands this grand truth, and is so willing to receive aid from the spirit world. I have a daugh ter, Annie, living here in your city. I am often with her, but do not feel satisfied with the way spirit greeting to my wife, Sabrina. I lived in Pittsburgh, and my name is George Bloomer.

## From Father.

It seems very strange to me that I am here and being aided by other spirits to send a word to Charles Cathcart was then one of our neighbors, those I still love on the earth plane. I desire my daughter, Agnes Ross, living at Northfork, Mason County, Kentucky, to know that I was with Laporte. them in all their trouble, and did what I could to help and comfort them. I want them to keep good cheer; things will be better in the near future. Budd is here and also sends love to those in the home. Try and give me the right conditions that I can come and talk to you, as I could advise and help to make things better. Your father. (No name given.)

## A Spirit to her Sister.

I would like to send this message to my sister Lizzle Goodall, in Lockland, O. Dear sister: I would be so happy if you would consent to do as asked of you. I know the task will not be a very pleasant one, but when you think how much it will help my condition here, I know you will not noticed a message from Dr. Geo. W. Williams, who the child should not know otherwise than that I the deception, that I must come to earth imploring you to aid and help me. Lilly sends spirit greeting; also Sister Ada.

## Birdie Irwin.

I passed out into spirit life from the city of father, Clarence Irwin, living in Chicago, my from him if he had failed to sign his name. spirit love. I also want to tell him it makes me very happy to know that he is so well satisfied

good word to help me on the way. Me name was

## Dr. Swift.

I passed into the higher sphere last Summer, without a moment's warning, in the town of Evansville, Ind. My many friends and acquaintances were shocked and said, "Poor doc; how strange, when he had done so much for others that he should go in this way- so very sudden, and nothing done for him." But, friends, the old earthly body was needed no more, and the spirit took on the spiritual body. I knew nothing of this beautiful truth, that we still live after so called death. While on the earth plane I was more or less under Church ir fluence and its teachings; but after you get on this side you see everything in its true light. It is like gezing into an open book and understanding its printed pages. I find it a beautiful place, and have met my dear ones and many old acquaintances. But my spirit yearns to those on the earth plane that are dear to me. I would have them know and understand how very anxious I am that they make the conditions for me to prove to them that I am still living as yet. They, like many others, are in darkness, and put forth no effort to receive the light. But I shall still keep trying to open the door to them, for as the light and knowledge dawns upon me, happiness fills my spirit. Know sometime in the future au opportunity will be given me to greet them in spirit form.

## VERIFICATIONS.

(To the Editor of the LIGHT OF TRUTH.)

The communication in last weeks LIGHT OF TRUTH from Richard Hyatt was all right, except he said he was my brother, whereas he was my cousin, but the balance of it was correct.

GEORGE HYATT.

Washington, Ind.

[ To the Editor of the LIGHT OF TRUTH.] I recognized in the LIGHT OF TRUTH of December 9th a message from my husband and his brother, Frank and Zephaniah, you have their name Gourd, their names were Frank and Zephaniah Goward, of Lowell, Mass. The message was correct as they said they worked for the cause of the shepherd in the darkness, with this book while here for many years. This is true; they were old workers in the cause, and always together in this life; and it seems they are together now. I thank them and the mediums for the message, and hope to hear from them again. I also recognize the message from I. P. Greanleaf, one of our old speakers. He has a brother here, N. S. Greenleaf, also a medium and a good speaker or lecturer. Thanks for the LIGHT OF TRUTH, long may it wave. MRS. S. GOWARD. Lowell, Mass.

To the Editor of the LIGHT OF TRUTH.]

My wife, Sarah Clegg, in spirit life, came and manifested to me as published in the paper last June. She is desirous to come and communichance. My mother and my son were also there. SAMUEL CLEGG.

Dodgeville, Wis.

To the Editor of the LIGHT OF TRUTH ]

In the LIGHT OF TRUTH of December 9th among the messages from the spirit side of human life, there is one from Charles Cathcart, of she lives, and hope by my impressing her she Laporte, Ind. After speaking of the fact of havwill make the change then she will feel much ing bailt a hall, employing mediums, throwing happier. Angeline Smith joins me in sending open his own doors and inviting the people to come and examine the subject free of charge, he closes the message, saying, "Dr. Tegarden and George Niles are with me and send greetings to all the friends." Many years ago my own residence for a time was near the city of Laporte and Dr. Tegarden and Judge Niles were acquaintances, living in the young and growing city of VALENTINE NICHOLSON.

To the Editor of the LIGHT OF TRUTH.]

In your issue of December 9th I read a spirit message of Dr. J. W. Williams, who lived here for a number of years and later in Omaha, where he went out of this life by his own desire about two to three years ago. When here he was a credit to the medical fraternity and highly respected by a great number of his acquaintances, also he was recognized as a Spiritualist and it was to his friends a surprise of his death.

Marshalltown, Iowa. [To the Editor of the LIGHT OF TRUTH ]

In the LIGHT OF TRUTH of December 9th we

fail me. The spirit mother of the girl so much for a number of years, was practicing his prodesires that her child should know who her true fession here and was our family physician. We mother is. You know we all thought it best that knew him well, not only in the capacity of a physician here, but from his youth up, having been was her own mother. Since I have met her raised but a few miles spart in Wisconsin. His mother here in spirit life, I am so unhappy from parents living near Palmyra and ours near Whitewater. The doctor moved to Omaha some years ago from Marshalltown, Iowa, and soon after met with misfortune, both in family and financial matters, and he being of a sensitive nature could not stand the disgrace (as he looked at it), so he departed this life by the aid of his own hand. We Wheeling, W. Vs. I want to send to my dear could have recognized the message as being

JOHN D. VAIL. MAY BELLE VAIL E. M. VAIL. LELIA E. VAIL.

Marshalltown, Iowa

## The Origin of Dimples.

One morning in the blossoming May A child was apor ing 'mongs the flowers Till, wearied out with his realless play, He laid him down to dream away The long and scorching mountide hours.

At length an angel's unseen form Parted the air with a conscious thrill, And poised itself, like a presence warm Above the boy who was slumbering still. Never before had so fair a thing Stayed the swift speed of his shining wing And, gar ng down, with a wonder rare On the beautiful face of the dreamer there The angel stooped to kiss the child, When, lo at the touch the baby smiled And just where the unseen lips had pressed A dimple lay in its seeet unrest. Sporting upon his cheek of rose Like a ripple waked from its light repose On a streamlet's breast when the soft wind blows And the angel peased from the sleeping one For his mission to earth that day was done.

A fair face bent above the boy It must have been the boy's own mother, For never would such pride and joy

Have lit the sace of any other. And while she gazed, the quiet air Grew tremulous with whispered prayer And now it ceased, and the boy awoke, And a smile of love o'er his features broke. The mother marked with a holy joy, The dimpling cheek of her darling boy, And caught him up, while a warm surprise Stole like a star in her midnight eyes; And she whispered low, as she gent y smiled,

"I know an angel has kissed my child. C. A BRIGGS.

Vritten for the LIGHT OF TRUTH. A Spiritual Dictionary Needed.

Have You Read Oahspe?

JOHN A LANT. The student of spiritua, knowledge is very much n need of a spiritual dictionary, or a compilation of the words now in use, and their meaning made plain. Many words have grown into the literature of Spiritualism that are not known

outside of it, and are essential to the comprehension of the great subject. We are indebted to Hudson Tuttle for a glossary quite complete, and it will be to such students as he that we may look for the newborns

in the orthography of Spiritualism. I have ventured to copy briefly a few of the words from the glossary of "Oahspe," the new bible, first given to mortals about thirteen years ago through the hand (automatically) of Dr. J. B. Newbrough. I am inclined to think the great body of Spiritualists are unacquainted with this wonderful book. Yet the greatest miracle of the century awaits their perusal, a book of nearly 1 000 pages, beautifully printed and illustrated, versed, chaptered, numbered for ready reference, and laden with the richest inspirations that have

ever yet been given to mortal man. The great spiritual world is d scussing organization, floundering, groveling, like the lost sheep waiting to be opened! It needs but reflection for a moment. Are you ready? Nearly ten years of purification of body were essential to the production of this book. A like purification will help those who take it up, to comprehend it. Have not hosts of Spiritualists a great duty to perform to themselves before their eyes are opened before they are fitted for organization? Who are ready?

Permit me to quote a few lines :

"I come not in this day to teach man charity, nor yet to teach man as to what is right and wrong between men; these things were revealed before. I come to produce a new race, and show them how to fulfil the former commandments; to do unto others as they would to be done by; done. The communication was short and good. Behold, I come now to put them in practice. By I hope that she may be lucky to have another this shall man know who are the chosen of Jehovah. They have said, 'Thy kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven!' Who are ready? Beware of those that longer preach and pray for these things, but practice them not."

But here are a few of the strange words used in this work which may justly claim a place in the abounding literature of Spiritualism. Study them, and study the great book that reveals

"Oahpse" has been printed at great cost. It is offered for sale for cost, only \$2 50, which includes postage. You can order it through the LIGHT OF TRUTH at this price. Do not longer say you are not acquainted with "Oahspe." Agni-Spirit ligats.

Asophs-Angels who revive the spirit when a mortal dies and bears it to the place prepared

Ashars-Guardian angels over mortals during life.

Almorpherea-The earth's vortex ; dominions of the gud of this planet. Aven-Eerie actions.

Corpor-That which is tangible to sight and

hearing. Chaotics-Such as are killed in war or anger; deranged angels. Chincat-The boundary between the rotary at-

mosphere of the earth and the ether beyond, Christ-Synonymous with warrior.
Christian-A brotherhood of warriors. One who rushes into a multitude of rioters, and with

a sword enforces peace, is a true Christian. Dan-A cyclic dawn; a dan comes once every 3,000 years, and is preceded by spirit manifestations by signs and wonders.

Druk-A low mortal; one who desires no spiritual light; an evil man; a warrior. Druj-Applies to an augel, the same as druk

Es-The unseen world; the spirit world. Es'enaurs-Heaven'y musicians. Es'yan-A new-bern spirit. Ethe-The solvent of corpor

Fetals-Spirit who fetal themselves on mor-Haoma-Spiritual food; magnetism.

Heel-Where angels torment one another. lesu - A sexless person.

Kosmon-Universal fellowship in all nations. Loo'is-Masters of generation. Oahpse-Sky, earth (corpor), and spirit. The

il; the sun of corporeal and spiritual knowledge as at present.
Sar'gis—A materialized angel.

Suis-A person who can see with the eyes closed; one who can hear angel voices. Spirit-Synonymous (but not correctly) with angel. (When we say water we may not mean

the ocean; but when we say ocean we mean water. When we say angel we do mean a spirit, but when we say spirit we may not mean an an-

And many others.

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To the humblest and the weakest, 'neath the all-beholding That wrong is also done to us; and they are slaves mos

Whose love of right is for themselves, and not for all their

-JAMES RUSSELL LOWELL.

## THE KEY OF LIFE.

A TALE OF THE MORTAL AND IMMORTAL.

WITH A BASIS OF FACT, By Dr. E. D. Babbitt, LL. D.,

Dean of the College of Fine Forces; Honorary Corre spondent of the Magnetic Society of France; and Honorary Correspondent of the Mignetic and Hypnotic Society of Great Britain.

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The above is the title of a splendid serial story we have in store for our readers, to begin with the first number of the LIGHT OF TRUTH in January.

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Furthermore, the story is fescinating in plot instructive in spiritual science, and elevating in spiritual teachings and philosophy generally.

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Look out for the first issue of January, 1894.

# THE UNEMPLOYED OF FIVE CITIES

New York, 140 000; Chicago, 117,000; Philadelphia, 90 000; Boston, 38 400; Cincinnati, 25 000. If anything can serve to awaken the people to a true realization of the condition of the masses these figures and their implication ought to do it. Winter is upon us, and no man can imagine the amount of suffering now being borne by a large class of our people, and the class, too, least able to endure it. It is agreed on all hands that the situation is much more serious and alarming than it was last Summer. Men who have not been employed for several months have exhausted their savings and are facing a long Winter without any prospect of relief before Spring, and an uncertainty about work even

In New York the situation is desperate, and calls for urgent action, both on the part of philanthropy and the police; the one to extend aid and the other to quell riots and incendiarism.

More than 100,000 men in Chicago, mechanics and laborers, are without work of any description; 10 000 women whose necessities are meagerly satisfied by their small earnings in factories, shops, stores, and restaurants, are 1/ le and without means to provide themselves with sufficient food. Thousands of men are walking the streets hopeless, destitute, without money or

For the first time in its history the great industrial population of Philadelphia is suffering from poverty. The number of unemployed in Cincinnati is larger than ever before known at this

According to the figures of the chief of the Bureau of Labor Statistics 2.16 per cent. of the

fronting the American people. It is entirely safe to say that the whole history of chattel "The Missing Link, "\$1 50. Adding to cents slavery does not contain the amount of suffering, for postage in each case. For sale at this office. persecution, an ddespair that has filled the cup of the American workingmen during the twelve

months, and there are no signs of relief. Of course, much of the cause can be attributed to the fright which the manufacturing interests of the country have sustained by the reason of the attitude of the present administration on the tariff question. But as this question Room 7, 206 Race St., - Cincinnati, O. has been up for the past fourteen or fifteen years it would have had the same effect long ago if such were the real cause of it. The root of the evil lies in our false economical system, and the customs of society founded thereon. A cessation of controversy on the tariff would doubtless help some branches of industry and restore some kind of confidence, but it would not remedy the trouble except as a mustard poultice cures dys pepsia It would be simply an easement which would last until the next paroxysm came on, and that might be brought about by some other cause. A settlement of these questions can only be obtained through and by an organic revolution and reconstruction of our economic system. Reforms in taxation, tenure of property rights, the laws relating to interest on money, and, indeed, the province, scope, and power of money itself. And finally the building and operation of all traffic avenues, industries, and theatres of pro duction, by the people, for the people, and of the people; these fundamental reforms when inaugu rated will lay out the ground plan of a more perfect State. But as long as individualism is pos tulated as the supreme tenet of existence, dragging, as it does, the long line of selfish, grasping, unfeeling proclivities of human nature in the train of competition, while ignoring the finer sensibilities and their claims in the theatre of action, so long will we have these recurring calamities, and they will become worse with every recurrence.

## Regulating Health by Preventing Physicians from Practicing.

The Health Department of this city has willed to dictate to the people whom they are to employ as physicians, thus creating a monopoly in favor of one class.

According to a new regulation all physicians must register before they will be permitted to practice : but it appears that the Health Depart ment has assumed to set itself as censor concerning these registrations. Why it should make this distinction is not clearly understood, unless the law empowers it to do so. In that case, however, it is class legislation, and we may next look for a law that regulates preaching, instructing, building, tailoring, etc., and empowering some other department to invite preachers, eachers, builders, and tailors to register at the exclusion of those whom the bosses in these various branches do not want, or do not recognize as competent, and thus debar a certain class, and create a monopoly for themselves.

Of course, monopoly means the regulation of prices as well, and the poor man, who earns a dollar a day, must pay two dollars for one visit from a physician whom he does not want, but must employ or be subjected to imprisonment for neglect in engaging medical aid in case of sickness in his family. And furthermore, the best physicians in many cases, will not call on a patient unless he can be assured of his pay; with which, however, we will not find fault. It is the principle involved that we are dissecting It may not be so intended by the Health Depart ment, but it looks very much as if it is endeavoring to take the people by the throat and forcing on them a method of curing many are not in accord with.

It is known to many by experience that the Vitapathic system is superior to the old Allowith a quarterly subscription. We feel sure they pathic system in many respects, as the Homeopathic system has its virtues. It is also known that magnetic healing cures where allopathy and homeopathy kills. Why the old-time system should wish to debar these new discoveries in healing, can only be accounted for on the bypo thesis that they want a monopoly in the art, or that they have become so priestly in their beliefs that they can not see anything beyond their own conclusions—after the fashion of the Church in the time of Gallileo.

That legislatures pass such laws need not be wondered at, considering their general composition-subjec to be imposed upon through lack of knowledge in such matters, or the temptation of kind friends to vote against their convictions for considerations not Churchly or divine, though they pass Sunday laws on account of their

Churchly conscience. Whether our legislature will listen to a plea from the outs in this present "new regulation," and permit them to register, is a matter to be tried. If they are honest and just they can not show favoritism. If they favor class legislation, they will perhaps pass another class law to favor another class of healers and to oblige those voters who in large numbers favor magnetic healing, Vitapathic healing, and other systems which have been refused recognition by the

Health Department. A little unity among advocates of the other systems may lead to good results. Let them come together for the purpose of applying to the legislature for recognition. Thousands of signa tures can be gathered to recommend them, and before long they may be on the best of terms with the Health Departments all over the State.

## Xmas Presents.

There is no better physician than kind thoughts. You pay a medical attendant two dollars for a visit. Often two or three visits are required to obtain desired results; and after all it is the sympathy or kind thoughts received through this attendance that cures. Why not total workers of Buston are at work less than six save money and solicit the kind thoughts of months of the year under normal conditions a friend by sending him or her one of the folmonths of the year under normal conditions a friend by sending him or her one of the fol-our society, has ministered to us about two years, These figures indicate that 38 400 persons are at lowing books? While reading them you will not only as speaker but also as president of the present unemployed, and many of them suffering have their good wishes, and perhaps as long as for the necessaries of life in proud Athens of they own the book: "The Other World and This," \$1 50; "From Soul to Soul," \$1.25; "The Here, then, is a condition, not a theory, con- Gates Between," \$1 25; "The Gates Ajar," \$1 50; Beyond the Gates," \$1 25; "As It Is to Be," \$1;

Read "Missing Link," \$1.50, postage 10c. son, corresponding secretary.

The Catholics and the Schools.

The periodical recurrence of attempts to get control of school funds for sectarian uses is again ling exhibitions at P.ke's Opera Il suse on Sunon the tapis, and the country is preparing for day evening last to a large audience. another protest against this encroachment upon civil law and personal liberty.

called the Spellissy Bul, so called from the name by a committee, and not released until that porof the person who drew it up, a Catholic lawyer tion of the program had been given. At one innamed Dennis Spellissy, of New York City. terval one of the committee was permitted to be This bill is to be introduced in the legislature in in the cabinet, but the same commotion took January, and calls for a division of State and place as before. In the second part the medium others monies now directed to be apportioned was bound with a silken cord around her neck, among the common schools, to be apportioned and the ends drawn through a board, which ends and distributed to any association of individuals, were held by two gentlemen during the performincorporated or unincorporated, that shall have ance of the occult manifestations within. Hands established a school for the free education of appeared through the top and sides of the cabiyouth in the primary branches of education.

that any sectarian body may be benefited by its any part of her physical body. Instruments were provisions. But it is well known that a single played upon and shaken, a guitar showing forth sectarian body, and that the Roman Machine, will at the opposite end of the cabinet, at least five be the beneficiary.

and the League for the Protection of American the astral hand. Institutions, whose address to the country we common school system.

all controversy of the school question and the curtain over the shoulder of the gentleman far further distribution of circulars, which have thest away from the medium, and continuing to raised such a storm from the Protestants. It is play. At the close of this phenomenon part of proposed to submit the claim of the Catholics the committee was taken behind the cabinet for a division of school funds to the legislature and allowed to look under, and when satisfied

County: the catechism. Church history, and to be seated as originally placed there-the genother forms of Catholic training having for a number of years been in operation in the public had not for an instant relinquished his hold up school, carried on by priests and nuns, and on the medium during the mystic performance. been made by the State School Commissioner. | chairs. After magnetising the hand she com Nothing short of a policy that shall give these She requested questions from the audience, money for sectarian schools.

## A RIGHTEOUS MOVE.

If reports are true a movement has been started by the ministers of the Christian Churches in St. Louis looking to the taxation of Church property. A bill was to be prepared at a conference held Monday the 11th to be introduced in the State

Too much praise and commendation can not be extended to these dominies if this movement is really intended to be made. The singular feature of it is contained in the fact that the upholders of the present pharisaical religion should be the ones to inaugurate a move of this kind. But if they are waking up to the infamy of a system which permits a portion of the community to enjoy special privileges which another portion not in harmony therewith helps to pay for, the era of justice can be said to be in line for an inning in the great game of salvation.

In every large city thousands of dollars worth of property is allowed to lie idle while the State draws no revenue from it, and has to support it in its idleness and uselessness. In St. Louis alone there are millions of dollars worth of property tied up in Church organizations, and which is being held for speculative prices incident upon the increase of population and the consequent demand for land and buildings. Being so held the city gets nothing out of it in the way of taxes, while the organizations controlling it reap the benefit in increased values. Upwards of \$1 500 000 000 are tied up in untaxed Church property in the United States. At two per cent. interest collectable in taxes-and which is a very low figure-this enormous sum would yield a revenue of \$30,000,000 annually, enough in itself o remove uninvited poverty from every State in he Union, and feed and clothe every unemployed workman now tramping the flag stones of our great cities. As it is now this vast sum only points to the most consummate system of deadheadism on the planet, and not only that but an insufferable robbery of the people's patrimony.

The LIGHT OF TRUTH wishes the ministers of St. Louis success in their determination to remove this shadow from their cause and calling.

MRS. SHELHAMER-LONGLEY takes charge of our Question Department in this issue, and we trust all our readers will be pleased with the new departure Mrs. Longley has been connected with the Banner of Light in the same capacity for many years. Sne will now be the mouthpiece tion for "A Jubilee for Spiritualists." We may through whom the spirits will speak to the readers of the LIGHT OF TRUTH.

this one especially adapted.

## Jamestown, N. Y.

E. W. Sprague, speaker and platform test me dium, a resident of this city, of whom such good

# ANNA EVA FAY.

This wonderful medium gave one of her puzz-

Among the manifestations were the-to Spiritualists-well known cabinet performances, tak In New York State a bill has been drafted ing place while the medium was securely bound net, six and seven feet distant from where the It will be seen that this bill is so craftily drawn lady sat, she at the time being unable to move feet away from her, and being played upon, prov-The movement has already met with violent ing that either a spirit hand was manipulating it opposition on the part of the Protestant clergy or her own spirit hand known to theosophy as

Next she was seated in front of the cabinet shall reproduce in another issue. Particular stress with a lady and gentleman—called by the audi should be laid upon the proposed Sixteenth ence to attend-the three holding hands, and Amendment to the National Constitution. This the gentlemen holding both of Miss Pay's hands amendment, when voted upon and sanctioned by Inside of the cabinet were placed a number of the various States, as it will be eventually, will musical instruments and a basket of roses, and put an effectual quietus upon the Janus faced the curtain dropped. Over the three who sat virago now full bent upon the destruction of the before this curtain was placed a coverlet, allowing only the heads of the trio to peer forth. In a The agitation in Maryland has assumed so few minutes hands appeared at all ends; roses serious a form that Cardinal Gibbons is reported thrown out from all sides; the instruments to have ordered the priests and teachers to stop played upon; and the guitar shoved through the that no visible beings were secreted there, the In Ohio the law is openly violated in Mercer coverlet was taken off the trio, who were found tlemanly wing of the committee avowing that he

paid for in public school funds. A full A wooden hand was then placed upon a pane of investigation and report of this case has glass, and the glass resting on the backs of two These instances show the direction of the wind. manded it to rap, which it did with due deference intriguers and catspaws of Romanism to under- which were then repeated by her-she standing stand that our school system must be let alone some eight or ten feet away from the controlled will suffice to cause a withdrawal from their depre | hand. To each question the hand raised itself dations. That policy should be the total and and rapped once, twice or thrice according to perpetual extinction of every and any alliance need. To show that neither rod from beneath younger planets in the solar sisterbood, it is between the Church and the State. No public nor string from above manipulated the hand, the on the spiritual era of human development. We manager passed a handkerchief below and over the mystic hand while rapping.

This is regarded as one of the most wonderful achievements in the science of occultism, understood by but few outside of the Hindoo adepts. and possible of achievement by even few of these. It takes almost a lifetime of aestheticism and physical self denial to develop the abnormal will necessary for this effect; or one must be gels, but our spiritual senses being imperfectly born with the gift already developed. Miss Fay, developed, we want them with us in the old way. however, seems to be a natural medium, for all spirits is better known to herself than what an outsider can judge.

It is asserted that one of the hands seen protruding from the cabinet during her incarcera- row of my past. tion in it, was a large male hand. This already proves some spirit assistance, for her hands are aid our brother, M G Youmans, and his wife, very small and delicate. How much of her own will she c. n put into these phenomena is also fifteen months did she breathe the air of earth, best known to herself. Her extremely ethereal and a short and painful illness freed her pure nature, however, betrays a very lucid spirit or astral spirit from the enswarthing clay. and the possiblities of the human spirit while heart, was the tender trust with which they comshe is sowing a seed that will benefit humanity in the end, and lead many to try and do likewise, or realize that there is more of man than the mere physical to be accounted for. If people will his youngest darling in the happy evening hour. nomena through their own personality. It will it, and aid in its development. It does not stay soon indicate to them that each hand has an astral wholly in the spirit world. Clinging, to its pasoon indicate to them that each hand has an astral or another within which can be made to come out under the proper conditions. And those who under the proper conditions. And those who will soon realize that this second self or double and where there is frequent and loving recogniis immortal; and if their own spirit is immortal, why not those of others? And if there are rapid and more contented. spirits, why should they not manifest to their mortal friends when opportunities are offered? earth, your little one is living, and is often near Mediums are the avenues for spiritual manifesta you It can not understand your frenzied cries, your Mediums are the avenues for spiritual manifesta tions; and whether the former have these phenomena in their own power or not, it does not make them any the less interesting or marvelous. Nor will it debar spirits from manifesting when their presence are needed, however much of an expert a medium may be in the manipulation or use of her own spirit or astral body so called.

# AN INQUIRY.

To the Editor of the LIGHT OF TRUTH ]

In your columns I lately saw a call by the board of trustees of the National Spiritualist Associa- simply that had he done so, he would have some rejoice that Spiritualism has so far removed us Sunday December 10th Mr. Wright occupied the from dogmatism that wisdom can point us to the rostrum. The morning subjects were, "What redangers of our liberties, and the necessity for a As a Christmas number our readers will find National Organization, which alone can protect them. But when we know there are millions of kinds. How can the power be acquired?" These men, women, and children in our States, desti- themes were treated in the masterly manner for tute of life's necessities; mothers in agony, babes starving, nursing at the breast of death, with the reports came from Allegheny, Pa., is expected to lusting vampires of the Church and the States, White gave excellent tests. Mrs Willisms was be our speaker during the winter, when not en. pirates of gold, ready to destroy every right of quite happy in her expression of thought, and gaged elsewhere. Mr. Sprague, the organizer of American cirzens, I hardly think a jubilee will be society, and, in spite of discouragements, has lee over the destruction of fathers, mothers, and caught the inspiration of mirth and caused everydone a good work here. At the annual election, babes, but Spiritualists can not respect festivities body to feel joyous. There was a good attendance, and all went home feeling the better for December 6th, it was voted to become auxiliary and exultations (which the word implies) under to the National Association, and the required such circumstances. The program suggested having spent two harpy hours. funds were raised with which to procure a charfunds were raised with which t Sprague, vice president; A. C. Adams, recording hour for mass intentionally neglected to be secretary; Wm Cole, treasurer; Mrs. Cora Wat-given? It should be before vesper services. MRS. A. H. LUTHER.

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ROBERT A DIMMICK, Sec'y.

## Letter from Abby A. Judson.

Were the inhabitants of our planet as far advanced as those who dwell on Neptune and Uranus, those elder brothers of the solar system, we would not have to shed sad tears when our loved ones pass to the other side of life. In those far away and matured orbs there has been ample time for their inhabitants to develop their spiritual nature. Sickness is unknown to them, for they are in perfect harmony with the magnetic currents of the planet on which they dwell. Childhood, youth, manhood, and physical decline melt into each other normally; and when in extreme old age the body fades painlessly away, and drops from the perfectly developed spirit as the petals of a rose wither and drop to the ground. There, communion between the embodied and the disembodied is universal. So, when the aged parents are ready to arise to a freer life, no tears are shed, and their children rejoice that their father and mother are about to enter a higher grade in the great school of existence.

But with us who dwell on the earth, one of the quite otherwise. We have not yet fairly entered are only just on the fringe, on the very outskirts of it. A few, here and there, have begun to commune with immortals; but most of us, even of the most earnest Spiritualists, are still so embedded in the flesh that when our dearest are taken away from our physical presence we shed bitter tears, and long for "the touch of a vanished hand, and the sound of a voice that is still." Our reason tells us that they are often with us, can inspire us, counsel us, and be our guardian an-

somewhat different. Having been indeed an orher special phases. How much she is aided by phan for more than forty years, supposing my parents were far beyond my call in some unnatural and impossible heaven, the revelations of the last six years have restored me to daughterhood, and compensated for the ignorant sor-

> in the last earthly rues to the physical form of their little child, the youngest of the four. Only

Ah! how consoling are the truths of our dibody, and is no doubt capable of puzzling all who vine religion! Instead of the frantic tears, or do not understand these occult laws or forces, the stolid mask that hides a rebellious, agonized still connected with the mortal. But for all that, mitted the little form to earth, well knowing that the little one was not in the casket, but yet with them, though invisible to the physical eye. Tears were shed, for the mother will long to hold the frail form in her arms, and the father will miss But when so young a child is taken out of our not believe in a future life, let them sit for phe- sphere we know that its parents can still cherish and brothers and sisters, they can still do much become convinced that they have a second self, for its unfoldment. A home where love reigns, tion of the fact that the child is often present, will make its advancement in spirit life more

Shed not too many tears, mourning parents of bitter despair. The exhibition of such feelings surprises and dismays it, for being well and happy it can not comprehend their cause.

It is often said that a little child should see only calm and smiling faces, hear only loving words. This is true, not only of those still in the earth life, but also of those who have passed out of the body, but still linger near the loved parents. Ah! dear friends, did any religion ever compare with what comes to us through Soiritualism?

Your correspondent regrets not having visited any seances of late. Not on his own account, but newsy items for LIGHT OF TRUTH. I have but the report of Carnegie Hall meeting to render. lation has the so called phenomena to morals, or ethics? I claim, the phenomena is purely scientific." "Magnetic healing, different qualities and

which Mr. Wright is so universally famous. At the afternoon meeting, Mr Henry J. Newton offered the introductory remarks. wonderful in the exhibition of her clairvoyant sight. Mr. Wright was most entertaining in his

treated in a fashion long to be remembered, and those who were not present, missed an intellec-

My own experience in Spiritualism has been

I was summoned from Dayton, Ohio, to

New York Notes.

tual and poetic feast.

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ABBY A. JUDSON.

Washington, D. C.

It is with pleasure that the National Associa-tion of Spiritualists announ es to the public that 1,500 copies of the proposed publication of the proceedings of the late convention at Chicago have been subscribed for, and that the manuscript is now in the hands of the printers. All who have ordered the report are therefore requested to forward the amount of their subscriptions to secretary Robert A. Dimmick, No. 510 East Street, N. W., Washington, D. C., on or before January 1, 1894, about which time the work will be ready for issue. The management of the association also requests that those who have not subscribed will do so at once, in order that it may determine the size of the edition to be issued.

H D. BARGETT, Pres.

ROBERT A. DIMMICK, Sec'y.

Mr. Jules Wallace is at present holding seances at Washington, D. C. He occupies a hall every Friday evening in Masonic Temple I met him there for the first time, and received a test message from spirits of undoubted truthfulness, which was of great value and importance to me. It seems that much prejudice has been excite against this medium as to his gennineness. Mr. Wallace stated publicly that he felt aggrieved by preciated. I had the pleasure of meeting there what he designated as the unfair treatment he some of the oldest members in the cause. My hadreceived, and challenged proof for the reason. He said he was a reformed Catholic, that his conduct was exemplary, if not immaculate, and referred to those familiar with him for corroboration. As a clairvoyant diagnoser of disease I will vouch personally for his competence. As a healer he claims to be able to produce verification of his power. Mr. Waltace occupies a peculiar position. A Catholic sister who performed important missionary work in South Africa, an immediate connection of his, has been the unwitting cause of grievous persecution to him on the part of the Catholic Church, not because of his being a Spiritualist, but for the reason that he is considered an apostate.

that of the secular press, made his life a burden, and forced him to leave. A feminine friend writing from there states that she had an interview with the editor of a publication which had large hall to accommodate the demands of the peofollowed the usual custom of slandering mediums. She asked him point-blank if Mr. Wallace was the fraud he was painted. He said: "No, I had to lie about him." I believe there are many people here who are well satisfied as to Mr. Wallace's mediumship, although the usual report lace's mediumship, although the unjust reports spread have caused his patronage to fall off to such an extent that he barely meets expenses He is a Spiritualist at heart, and a lover of the cause, and contributed to the extent of his means toward the delegate convention. While giving tests he adopts a mode of contrasting or thodox beli-f with Spiritualism by such re marks as: "If the minister or the priest tells you something about St Paul or the Virgin Mary you believe him, but if I say your mother or a spirit friend comes to you you demand evidence. He deplores, however, the attacks of a bigoted nature sometimes made on the established religions, especially the Catholic. He is very fair minded toward other mediums, and endeavors not to interfere with them, and tries to assist those who have been unfortunate, and no one who is worthy seeks charity from him in vain.

A tremendous attack will soon be made on at least phenomenal mediums, and it behooves Spiritualists individually and collectively to give the hand of friendship to these instruments of the spirit world, even though perhaps they ocaverage mortal

## Brooklyn, N. Y.

The Advance Conference met Wednesday evening to hear Mr. Simmons on "Spiritualism from the standpoint of a Spiritualist." He said that aspect of the question was the proper one for him to speak from, and remarked among other things, that religion consisted only in rites and ceremonies, and that as long as we had evidence of a future life we should be satisfied with A lady who is endeavoring to get a bill through

for providing legal advice for those unable to pro-cure it for themselves, spoke of religion as love Rothermel is tied and sewed down, and many between one another and for the untortunate, and told how in assailing courts and their methers and their methers are the same as a loser as for as worldly cools. ods she had been a loser as far as worldly goods. An old man, long time a healer by laying on

of hands, told how he had healed some four down the curtain and prepared for a second sethousand and five hundred people with return in ance. After he was ready, the main guide, Dr. money from only four hundred and fifty, but they were welcome to it, and several came up and were treated to their improvement.

Mr. Cushing said: "When I met a Spiritualist on the street, the question ge erally is, 'What is there new?' and when I came into this hall tonight the first words I heard were, 'What is there new?' If this is the case, is it not time there was something new and a change? Religion is not merely rites and ceremonies outside of the evidence now offered of immortality; it is character too. When men build a home they lay the foundation walls of stone but do not stop there. You have been building the foundation in phenomena, but should not stop them either. The upper chambers, floor above floor, will be the religion of Spiritualism. Religion means a binding back, or again to, God. Our Mohammedan friend tells us we can not known God. You believe in the spirit world because you know it, therefore you know God in that sense as a guiding rating power; you know man in Jesus Christ as grown to a high spiritual manhood, expressing divinity in humanity, and having power over sin, sickness, and death-therefore you know man as God But this is not all. Back of all this is the great, universal principle that underlies all life here, all life hereafter, and constitutes the third and last form or aspect of divinity or God."

Another gentleman emphasized strongly the fact of knowing what we believe. The chairman closed by desiring that all should accord to others the rights they would naturally ask for themselves, and so try to maintain quiet during the time speakers are addressing the meeting.

At the Saturday Conference I met Mr. Soule for the first time; he is a conscious instrument for impromptu playing upon the piano, and also one who makes the claim of being able to recite under inspiration any selection from Charles Dickens' writings. He was candid enough to admit having read some seven of the books in question, and also to have a natural ear and talent for music and improvisation; but at the same ed the salient points of this most masterly dis-time none the less certain of another will than course. This lecture being delivered as it was his own controlling him. The writer being called here in Baltimore, the justly called "Rome of upon admitted the similarity of Mr. Soule's mediumship with his own, i. e., in the nature of a conscious control after suitable preparation and ent, conceive of any way. We, the members of inherent adaptability for the work. The chair-man, Mr. McDonald (not Wilson McDonald of such mediums on our rostrum as Mr. Edgarly, New York City) expressed himself as pleased we can, at least, be considered a factor in help that two new mediums had come forward who ing to perpetuate the liberties that are so dear could be controlled without those visible signs to every true child of America, and in guarding of taking possession of the instrument so com-mon, and trusted that the old style of control Spiritualism, the universal liberator. would give way before the new. At the First Spiritual Mission, the subject of "Divination or rephecy" was ably handled by Mesars Pooler Delerce, and S-minons. In the evening the chairman, Mr. Wines Sargent, opened the meeting with remarks suited to prepare the minds of ferers from Asthma. As before announced, this followed as usual by Mr. Tatlow as demonstraor of those truths. The latter gentleman has sclairvoyant and psychometric reader, is try- sufferers.

CORRESPONDENCE. ing to help the cause as well as care for his soun. and can be addressed at 616 Park Avenue, this city. In Prenguition of Jubilice Thy and woman's will mitti's Day. For the evening a Mr. Foster, a metion from Busion, is expected to act in connec-tion with Mr Tarlow W J Classics.

### Philadelphia, Pa

Time flies faster than we are aware. writing you last I have come to the dear old Quaker City to fill an engagement with the Spirmual Conference. It is an off-pring of the First Society. Its officers have persecuted earnestly and for nearly three years have held conferences every Sunday, until the Fall they felt need of a teacher in their midst, and the call came to me to fill the platform. I came from Baltimore leaving benind me many warm friends I had made in my month's sojourn there. On my first Sunlay here, both afternoon and evening, we had large, intelligent and enthusiastic audiences. The lectures are supplemented with psychometric readings and tests all of which have been pro-nounced correct. Friday evening the 1st, Mr and Mrs. Thos. Locke tendered me a reception at their beautiful and harmonious home. They are staunch and true to the cause, and an invitation to their home is always an honor to be ap-Indian guide, Starlight, gave the Jubilee greeting, and later in rhymes gave to each their spiritual name and its significance. Others received messages through my organism and then all adadjourned to the dining-room for refreshments. Toasts were offered by our worthy president, Brother S. Wheeler, and self. We also had the pleasure of a few remarks from Brother Boulette, I Boston, who chanced to be in the city, and other. The hour of midnight found us still at the table listening to tests.

The past two Sundays have each found large

audiences anxiously interes ed to learn of our deeper truths, and although the last day was In the city of St. Louis this persecution, and stormy our people were out in full force. As my ministrations have been so successful a unanimous call was extended me to remain till Janugave a test seance and the hall was filled. Many expressed themselves as having received assurso the good work goes on. I left en route to our mountain home in Connecticut, speaking at Bridgeport on the way, and spent Thanksgiving at our own camping ground. Mrs. Ada Dolph has returned to the city and as soon as she is strong enough hopes to do some work in the spiritual line. The bodily presence of Prof. Dolph is much missed, and our warmest sympathy goes out to the wite he leaves to our care. I have a few open dates in 1894, and would be glad to hear from any society that may desire my ser-G. C. BECKWITH EWELL.

## Crawfordsville, Ind.

Dr. A. W. S. Rothermel, has been in our midst for some time, holding seances at the residence of a prominent citizen of Crawfordsville, with wonderful results Dr. Rothermel, as all Spiritualists know, hav

ing been before the public for many years, is endorsed by all as a gentleman and a medium. all times he sits under test conditions, for I attended all his seances during his stay here. At one of them I received a message from my becasionally exhibit more weakness than does the loved ones, which no soul knew of but myself.

average mortal

O. W. Humphrey.

The test is too wonderful to relate, and not for The test is too wonderful to relate, and not for publication, yet true to the core. Many that at tended the seances received like results.

His remarkable light seances are marvelous. In those seances music on the zither was played by one of his spirit guides, little Emma Hirsh. Jimmy plays the bones with the aid of the piano, which caused applause by all. This guide is also the chemist who controls the full forms when presented. Written messages on paper were handed from the cabinet by a spirit-written in different hands and languages, with name signed. On handkerchiefs were written beauti

This seance lasted an hour or more, after which the controlling spirit of the cabinet took ance. After he was ready, the main guide, Dr. Pomeroy, addressed the audience, giving them the fountain of knowledge, in his deep and beautiful voice, thoughts that elevated and fitted

each sitter for a feast that was fit for the gods. When this spirit was through preparing the minds of the sitters, he bade good night and turned the medium over to the cabinet control, Jimmie Hughes. The medium no sooner step ped behind the curtains than a most beautifu form appeared, who announced that he desired to speak to a friend, who at once stepped up and conversed with her. Many spirits materialized, gladdening the hearts of sitters, and proving that there is no death. Emma Hirch, the little control, a lovely spirit, materialized from the smallest speck, eight feet from the cabinet, and walked to the front. She then played a beautiful air on the zither, and there dematerialized without returning at all. This manifestation caused all to realize the importance of harmonious condi-

## · Battimore, Md.

On Sunday December 3d, Oscar A. Edgarly, of Newburyport, Mass., began a month's engagement with the Religio Philosophical Society of this city, having filled a successful engagement with our society last April, he was, consequently no stranger to our people, and was greeted by a host of friends on this his second engagement with us.

The services of Sunday evening, December

10th, proved to be of more than ordinary interest, inasmuch as the subject chosen by the audience for the consideration of Mr. Edgerly's guides, was one peculiar in harmony with the present agitation of the public mind here in Maryland, to wit, "Parochial Schools versus Public Schools," We can truly say that for force, eloquence, and logic the discourse from this opportune subject has never been surpassed on our rostrum. The large audience was en-thused to the highest degree was evinced by round after round of hearty applause that greet America," and before a large audience, must have a far greater effect that we can, at pressuch mediums on our rostrum as Mr. Edgarly Eo. W. WRIGHT, Pres't.

## Good News for Asthmatics.

We observe that the Kola plant, found on the Congo river, West Africa, is now in reach of suf ew comers for the truths of philosophy, and was new discovery is a positive cure for Asthma. Nowed as usual by Mr. Tatlow as demonstraby addressing a postal card to the Kola Importsen located here about one year since his arri-ing Co., 1164 Broadway, New York, who are ing from England with his family; he is a relia-beliant want and payablementals.

We still her to shout the gird tidings that are in the advance cause. Mr pargent will one, thur half to more than afted on pundays ake the alternoon service essentially a Wo- Mrs. Cella M. Nickerson, of Boston, is a drawing card; her lectures draw better than her bests and that is saying a great deal for a test medium Her subjects are taken from the audience, and range from earth to the regions of that higher She speaks under control, and never fulls to give correct assuers to all questions put to her. See has had calls from all the surrounding towns, and also calls from Canada.

Our evening socials are well patronized Seventy-five lickets are often sold for a social at a friends house. The artive workers are mostly women, including Mrs. Nickerson, Mrs. Harriett Van Buskirk. Mrs. Atchtson, our Vice-President, with Mr. Henry Van Fuskirk as President, and Rech. dent, and Brother J. J. to ant as conductor of Brother J. W. Dennis rose in the audience a few days ago and asked for funds to carry on the good work, and that day the response was seventy-five dollars. Brother J. W. Dennis is the professional financier or beggar for our society, and he can raise more funds than an old-fashioned Methodist exhorter ever could. So take it all in all, with the crowd of workers to numerous to mention, we have a bright prospect

Mrs. Nickerson is engaged for a year ahead and the longer she is with us the more crowded our hall is whenever she takes the platform. We are an organized and chartered society under the State laws of our own States, and have no fear of the outside pressure, either from press, pulpit, or Church. And so mote it be forever.

### New Orleans, La.

Permit me to add my quota of praise to the good which has been written on the mediumship of Brother A. Willis, of your city. This wellknown materializing medium has been sojourn ing in our midst during the last six weeks, much to the edification of believers and skeptics. His seance-rooms were the centre of attraction of intelligent gatherings--representatives from the ary 1st, 1894, and by advice of my guides have best of social circles—in search after the beauti-accepted the engagement. We are to have a ful, practical illustrations of the truths of our sacred philosophy. What met their gaze and ple and feel sure that our work here will result in incited just praise and commendation certainly much good. On Thursday before last my guides was phenomenal. Full forms materialized out of and in the cabinet, dematerializing in view of sitters; independent speaking, audible and ances that their dead were still with them, and clear; the matter through matter manifeststion mortals walking with spiri s; independent singing; floating lights; etherealized forms; inde-pendent writing with the visible hand and arm; and last, but not leas, that matchless talking of our ever-willing spirit brother John Marris as control. He is always glad to maifest and give the best, though the conditions be felt wanting. But good friend Willis ought to feel proud to have such a zealous supporter for spiri demonstrations.

It was with regret and many sighs at parting that the New Orleans Spiritualists and their friends were forced to bid adieu with a promised au revoir to the polished gentleman and genial medium who met our anticipations with such grand and honest display of spirit phenomena, always under strict test conditions. Our good and modest brother Townsley added grace and charm to the meetings.

Dr. Philip Berge.

## San Diego, Cal.

While in Chicago, during October and November, I made engagements for materializing seances at a great many different cities and towns. But in consequence of a protracted illness I was advised by my controls to return at once to the land of sunshine and flowers, southern California, and here I am enjoying the most perfect weather I ever saw, and just now I am the re-cipient of a lovely boquet of flowers, gathered from the garden of a lady friend.

Will you allow me space to say to my friends that it is my intention to return early in the Spring to fill every engagement made. My post-office address is Los Gatos, California.

# MRS. ELSIE REYNOLDS.

## Portland, Me.

On December 10th, from one until two p. m. the developing class was made interesting by treatments and readings by Dr. C. Goodrich and Laster Samuel Foss, the boy medium.

At 2.30 and 7.30 Miss Bertha Eveletth, trance speaker, occupied the platform before a large and enthusiastic audience, following which were many remarkable tests by Mrs. Goodrich, Maine's greatest test medium.

The progression of this society is due alone to the sincerity and ceaseless labors of the doctor and his wife. Many who have been strangers to the truths of Spiritualism are now obliged to admit its reality by their coming in contact with those two grand workers of the cause.

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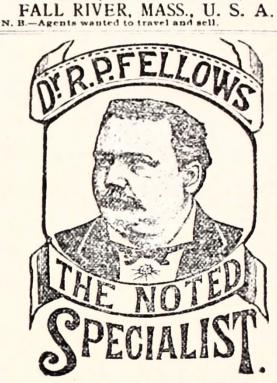
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and south, with the vast waters of Superior on you." the east. A little time and an inspiration touched the rough rock surface to a city of wealth and Sherwood and men in business is that she de- she did. manded justice, they speculation.

Former y she was a member of the Episcopal Charen Bat tuis free, determined life soon grew her beyond dogmatism, and for several years both she and nusband have been outspoken Spiritualand they mourned them as dead. Mrs. Sherfriends, but to the large audience in attendance. the floor" and 'Wteu the mists have cleared distance, hence the center of attraction. away" were rendered most beautifully by a male quarter. My spirit guide gave the address.

The Rotal display was five, and the entire ocharp lightly," was sung by a trio of male voices | ful woman said to us important to each it with whom Mr. Sherwood had sung five years as make a letter too long for your columns. aquartet. Turning from the open grave, I felt a sorrow such as I seldom realize. I glanced over her life in Duluth; saw her struggling with men to gain admission into business circles of the new city, as she frequently said, "Not only to obtain ways and means to support us, but to prove woher supposed sphere."

She succeeded, leaving an estate of one hunreigned, and before me was still the blights of der no other consideration." earth's loves and anticipations.

I am here filling a three months' engagement, and for four weeks previous to this occasion have made my home with Mrs. Sherwood, being with her much of the time. It was I who complained of death, not she. She knew where she was going, but with no word of regret. Eight days pre vious to her going out of sight, in answer to a telegram Mrs. Jennie Moore, of Chicago, a ma terializing medium and intimate friend, came to us and was with Mrs. Sherwood more or less of the remaining time. The physician registered ber death as from cancer in the stomach. After I came here, with few exceptions, did she complain of pain, and even less after Mrs. Moore's arrival. We did not doubt the statement of the physician, but why no pain? Why so quiet, with consciousness scute and every sense vivid? Even when she left her body not a struggle. There can be but one answer: The presence of the strong spiritual forces with Mrs. Moore and myself misgled with her own. Mrs. Moore remained several days after the burial, which took place on Wednesday, the S.b. The following Thursday evening Mrs. Moore gave a materializing scance with only the immediate family and a few relatives present. The fourth spirit presented in the cabinet was Mrs. Sherwood, so much like herself that every member of the circle as with one voice said, "That is she !"

She had lost no power of overcoming difficulties, and refused all assistance from Mr. Murphy, the guide, as he afterward told us. She conversed sufficiently loud and distinct for every word to dressed each separately, and thanked me for the "beautiful address." She said to Mr. Sherwood he had done just as she wished. He asked her "What is death?" She replied, "It's nothing—I just closed my eyes, then opened them, and I was long as it does not affect their own personality. But overlook them once, and they become blind "Who met you?" "My mother and our to all excess—all charits.

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thich time she talked of business about which ism.

wes, "Emeline, I don't know as I can do all you wish, you know I have not thought of these things." She then said, "I will do it for you, I can see to that," which she did. The entire occasion was marvelous. During this time she frequently The frost of time and the angels, noiseless tread closed the curtain of the cabinet, not more than a and a true friend, causing the hours to move she had not been away and knew all that had slowly, and we are lonely indeed. Mrs. Emeline been done in the home, proved her saying by Sherwood, wife of George W. Sherwood, at the repeating a conversation between Mr Sherwood age o' s xty three years, from her home in Du. and myself, which none knew After appointing lath. Mean., left her physical body on November, the next evening, Friday, to meet with us, and oth. For three years she had been slowly declining, dispose of her wardrabe and talk of other things but not until the last few weeks did there seem she most reluctantly bid as good night, asying, any scute movement towards the terminus of "I will have my teeth to morrow night, then I can earth life during which time by husband and talk more easily and distinctly," and was gone

jes'h, the tyrant of life, spoke, and she must Mr. Murphy then came and spoke of her great sbey. Mrs. Sherwood will not only be missed at power of will, and her determination to do all bone in the advancement of Spiritualism and all herself, which was very uncommon. All were reforms, but the various camp meetings will feel satisfied that she still retained the same deter-

Friday passed with strange anxieties, but even-She and her huband were with us at camp Ches. ing came, and according to promise Mrs. Sherterfield, Ind., three week last season, and we en- wood was again present in the cabinet, stronger joyed them very much, and our people will re- and more like her real self. See now had her gret her necessitated change to another realm of teeth, which improved her talking. This evenlife. Both herself and husband were natives of ing she was present sixty minutes and talked the State of New York. Lived in Buffalo twenty much of the time, As before, she addressed years of their early marriage, then emigrated to each separately, saving to me, "Luther, I did not this city twenty-four years ago. When Duluth think I should be so happy, I am going to learn was a wilderness of woods and rocks, north, west, how to do this (meaning materializing) and tell

She disposed of nearly all her clothing among Mrs Sperwood when she saw Daluth rise from different ones; also again enjoined Mr. Sherwood to go to California as they had intended, had she position. Then and there she declared equal been able, to which he consented. She told him rights with man to live, to think, to act, and be- whom she wanted to come into the home, to care come master of the opportunities for prosperity. for him and it; talked of the conditions of her With a will to remove whatever obstacles were in entire property free from encumberance; also of the way, she located the object to be gained, and the taxes and fire insurance, and all things, she moved towards it in a straight line, always giv- adjusted as closely as though she was in her ing and requiring justice. She will not be easily physical body, even saying to me, "Be sure and forgotten by the business men and officials of stay in my home as intended till your engage-Duluth, for as often as possible they called her ment closes, you know you are to stay three determined will into conflict, and as often she months, I will arrange with the family coming was victorious. The difference between Mrs. into the house, for your room and board," which

On the following Saturday, Monday, and Wednesday evenings, she came into the cabinet, each time an improvement, till she seemed much like real physical life. On Saturday evening Mr. Murphy told us they were going to take her the next ists, finding their only children-a son and day farther from us into the spirit world, more danguter -- still living that left them in early life, properly. Monday evening she was quite dif ferent, seemed not to care for what she had ex wood knew no fear as to public opinion or senti. pressed so much interest in, namely, the dis ment. Her motto was, "Know you are right, posing of her clothing, etc. She said she got then go ahead." The juneral services were held away from them and iwas so glad, She talked in the home on Wednesday p. m., the Sth, with of her visit on Sanday, naming many of the great satisfaction; not only to the immediate friends who had been in spirit life, a greater or lesser number of years, and seemed delighted Two of her favorite pieces, "Angel footsteps on with her new life; said she was from the greatest

Then I wondered if this is not the reas n that we failed to communicate with so many friends that we longed to hear from, that they had been casion showed love and esteem of friends. At emoved from our lives and did not care to return. the cemetery another piece of music, "Touch the Could I say to your readers all this most wonder

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-We are sorry to hear, and no doubt all of his friends will be, that George P. Colby is still very ill, and needs aid. He has had three more lung hemorrhages, and will hardly be able to recover sufficiently to lecture until Spring. Until then he must be cared for, and he can not look to any but his friends for aid. We hope those who read this will not only respond, but will interest others in his behalf, by cailing their attention to this notice. Address him at 510 E street, N. W., Washington, D. C.

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pher in that over which we have no control. Death comes uninvited to all. It is the decree of nature—the law that knows no master, no servant; that shows no favoritisms, no disapprovals. It seeks its own like the reaper the ripened grainlike the gardner the sweetest scented flowers. And children are the flowers of that beautiful summerland which would be incomplete without the tender buds so dear to happy souls—this world's secrifice towards making heaven a place of joy for loving parents.

-To vindicate every medium against whom charges are made by the outside world would be waste of space and time. It is bad enough when we are compelled to give up the space to speak of the wrong doings of one in fact; but to record harmful to the mediums than a vindication would prove beneficial. As long as a medium is recates of the LIGHT OF TRUTH. spected in his own ranks he is safe from harmjust as a preacher is who has the confidence of his congregation—and he need not trouble himself about the sensational part of a secular paper, whatever it may say. But he should see to it that it gets no more of his patronage. It is columns to "exposing" (synonymous to slander ing) a genuine medium, and but a few lines to the "clairvoyants" and "fortune-tellers," who advertised with them before their rascality was dis covered, need not be heeded, as this fact suffi clently betrays their true sympathy and preference. And to slander a medium after he leaves a place, knowing when he would leave, should talk about. If we wanted to say anything detwe would not need to lie about it, for there is enough truth to be found in the daily press con. cerning their errors to make up a page of our

-It has been the cause of much regret to see Grand Army Hall closed as a place to hear the beautiful philosophy of Spiritualism expounded. For years it has been a beacon light on the spiritual horison, shining not alone for residents of this city, but sending its rays far and wide over the whole land, until Grand Army Hall of Cincinnati has become a watch word wherever one soul believed "There is no death." Many have doubted the wisdom of closing it even for a time, and a few sincere ones actuated only by a desire to keep the fire burning on the altar of truth, and advancing the interests of the cause so dear to the hearts of all who dare think for themselves, have, after mature consideration, elicited to reopen the grand old hall, light once more the sacred fire on the alter, and to the best of their ability do all they can to give the dear ones, who Mrs. Lyman first spoke of the public prejudice return to the earth sphere, the opportunity to demonstrate to the world that they are still with their loved ones—more than auxious to sid them that justice would conquer in the end and that

Grand Army Hall for the year 1844, and be-ginning Sunday, January ; h, services will be held each aftermoon and evening during the year. They ask the hearty co operation of all sincere Spiritualists, and desire a union of all that they may be able, by working barmoniously, to do much good. It is the intention to make this ball a resort where home mediums can develop. They received and read with pleasure your excellent pamphlet." For sale at this office, Price 25 cents.

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-The Spiritualists and their friends of Cinciunati filled the Philosophical Hall at both services last Sunday, it being "Jubilee Day." Services were held the entire day. Oa the platform were seated Mrs. Grenameyer, Mrs. Jordan, Mrs. Metcalf be not burdened with a temple costing Dr. Mary Gebauer, Mrs. Heck, and Mrs. Fox. The program consisted of vocal selections and readings. Mr. Grenameyer presided, and after remarks of the gentleman attracted marked attention by his earnest reasoning. Mrs.Dr Gebauer phy in, but rather to erect an numbler one, per made a neat address, suitable for the occasion. Mr. Edward Lawrence, who was unanimously chosen to act as president of the society the first of the year, delivered a beautiful poem, entitled "Surprises of dying" He is a refined and spirit-Fennell also kindly favored us with that touching poem, "The Los: Chord," after which "Fly Away" gave some plain talk to Spiritualists, that elicited laughter and applause, closing a truly enjoyable meeting. Through the efforts of Mrs. Grens meyer, this society has felt a strengthening and uniting force which has brought us together again with feelings of renewed energy of purpose and desire to push forward in the work be fore us. It therefore behooves all Spiritualists to unite and work with a determination to succeed, and bring the cause before the public in a manner creditable to ourselves, and angel guides, who ome as ministering spirits to bring that knowledge "what the world can not give or take away." When true Spiritualists realize the magnitude of the work before them, and that the only devil we need fear is ignorance, and that we must work out our own salvation, we will have very little him to criticize our neighbor's shortcomings; and when an opportunity is given us to let our light shine before the world, we will be glad to do so, and not "hide it under a bushel" as some seem to be doing; only known as Spiritualists when away from home, or among those of that belief. Let those who are earnest in the matter devote a certain time to any of the various means devoted to spiritual communion for soul culture and selfimprovement. Let us devote six days in the cantile Agency, authorizing and some state of week to the mental improvement, and always of the State of one of the State of our meetings that will attract bring conditions to our meetings that will attract signed by James L. Mott, Jr., superintendent of influences around the workers that will sustain the New Orleans branch. We congratulate Mr. and cheer them, remembering, friends, if we Willis for the confidence reposed in him by the would reap spiritually in the eternal sphere, we gentlemen constituting this agency, and trust must sow spirituality on the material plane, and his eagle eye will enable him to detect fraud every obstacle that we conquer nerves us for every obstacle that we conquer nerves us for greater effort. On Wednesday night Mrs. Pen-nell will give a test circle at Fourteenth Street and Central Avenue. The Ladies' Aid still continue to have interesting meetings every Friday at the same place.-G. B. H., Sec'y.

## Dayton, O.

Our First Spiritual Society has been enoying a feast during the past month. Mr. charles Barnes has been with us giving tests from the platform to the entire satisfaction of believers and the astonishment of skeptics. Mr. Barnes is a fine medium, and has accomplished a tian magi, and counterfeiting the genuine phe- good work for us, in appreciation of which our nomena? These are no doubt explainable. We nome talent tendered him a benefit on last Sun- Mrs. Scovell charges are but twenty five cents trust the doctor will make this a success, and day evening. It was an impromptu affair, and a

Mrs. Anna E. Thomas opened the exercises by orthodox harp and crown, and we shall not envy All present conceded it to be one of the grandest discourses we have had the pleasure of hearing. -Mr. M. G. Youmans, our co worker and one of the best friends Spiritualism has in this city, has been visited by that unrelenting reaper, death, and brought gloom to a happy family circle, by carrying off one of his little darlings and little darlings and little darlings and have disturbed the profound stillness which reigned from the beginning to the close, and why should we? It is a which reigned from the last sentence fell from the last sentence fell from the little darlings and why should we? It is a little darlings and why should we? It is a little darling off one of his little darlings and should have disturbed the profound stillness. No locality escapes, and why should we? It is a which reigned from the last sentence fell from the last sente pets of the household—a beautiful child but fif. store for us, is the heartfelt and outspoken wish teen months old. We cannot but sympathize with one so devoted to all that is near and dear to his heart, though knowing him to be a true philosopher in that over which we have no control. Death tificate from our society.

Dr. D. C. Martin then followed with some very appropriate and spiritual remarks, the subject of which was "Harmony." The doctor strongly advocated the necessity of perfect harmony existing not only among the individual members of the spiritual society, but of all societies, as our success depends upon perfect unison. The doctor is endowed with remarkable healing power, and is doing a good work in that direction also. Mr. Barnes closed the exercises with some

splendid tests. On last Tuesday evening we gave a musical and literary entertainment, and rendered a very pleasing and interesting program. It was a financial success. Our society was never in a more slanderous reports merely to deny them is more flourishing condition. Our prospects for the future are bright and promising. We are advo-

JOHN F. MIKESELL, Pres't, MRS. KATE C. MIKESELL, Sec'y.

The Society of Progressive Thought met last Sunday at G. A. R. Hall. Mr. C. Turnbull occuabout time that Spiritualists have an eye to these matters. Papers, however, which devote columns to "exposing" (synonymous to slander reviewed the intercourse with the spiritual world reviewed the spiritual world reviewe in many countries in an interesting style. The great danger amongst Spiritualists is the continual hunting after tests and not applying the reli gion in the life as revealed by the spiritual world. Why had the spirit world withheld its inter-course almost entirely, when man had failed to profit by the teachings, and tried to gain to himbe too far beneath any decent man's notice to self riches, and self-aggrandizement. The mistalk about. If we wanted to say anything detrimental to the Christian mediums (the clergy) we would not need to lie about it, for there is fish, harmonious with Spiritual law, bringing out

man's truer nobler nature. Last Thursday evening a grand social was given by the Ladies' Aid. Singing, music and danzing by the young, and the old folks too. Refreshments served, and a happy time was had. Next Sunday our speaker treats on 'Symbolism

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## Letter from Carrie A. Smith.

Since my guides have somewhat loosened the lliness and bousehold cares, which have bound me to inactivity, I have had the pleasure of being kept in the work unceasingly. After leaving Monon, Ind, I filled an engage ment at Metcarf, Iii. The following Sunday tound me engaged north of there, and December 10 h Mr. Smith and myself went to Marion, Jud , to

taken that last hard step in Spiritualism and en-ployed me there to work for the enlightenment of their friends and neighbors, rather than for any seifish gratification, and at Metcalf a crowd services pleasing and furnish a place where the of enthusiastic Spiritualists, not so rich in purse sincere seeker after truth may find what he deof enthusiastic Spiritualists, not so rich in purse spirit, welcomed me, and discussed plans for the building of a temple and birtng of speakers with a vim which is certain to bring good re-

thousands of dollars, and every brick and stone speaking to psychometric sensitive immortals of the anxiety incurred by over expense and of dereadings. Mr. Grenameyer presided, and after the anglety incurred by over expense and of detection opening song, "Rejoice and be Glad," introduced Mr. J. W. Briggs, of Pittsburg, Mass. The dive the community an edifice beautiful enough give the community an edifice beautiful enough materially to be worthy of hearing our philoso meated with love thoughts bereit of anxiety, that angels of light might safely venture in.

At both towns I have found exceptionally promising young mediums, and am thankful in-deed that it has been my privilege to be used ual young man, working solely for the good of the cause, and just the one to brush the ashes of desolation from the sorrowing heart. Mrs. tific and rational basis, and to voice words of encouragement and cheer to them, and may the aggels of love and usefulness abide with them.

Few young workers realize how many precious moments are wasted drifting about from phase to phase, and with first one influence then another struggling for the ruling power, when by consulting a good medium whose band makes a specialty of such things, the work of development can be accomplished in one half the usual time generally, and with much less suffering as the medium works side by side with his guide, making the best of conditions by keeping his making the best of conditions by keeping his own mental conditions pure against all odds, and Providence, R. I., lectured and gave tests at doing the hypnotic bidding with joy.

CARRIE M. SMITH.

## Chicago, III.

Six week ago the Spiritual Research Association now holding its meetings at Lodge Hall, 11 N.Ada Street, launched its trail barque and set sail on the boundless ocean of spiritual truth. Although so young, the management and interest manifested in these meetings has been such that at times every available chair in the hall has been occupied by intelligent and appreciative audiences. These results are due to the earnest efforts of Mrs. S. C. Scovell the noted trance speaker and test medium of Kansas City, Mo., who has been ably assisted by Prof. Max Hoffman, an excellent platform test medium, on every Tuesday night at the same. Mrs. Scovell, who is also noted as a teacher of psychometry, in all its phases of mediumistic developments, is conducting a Test Development Circle, or School of Psychometry. Here the guides, through Mrs. Scovel—entranced after the guides afte diences. These results are due to the earnest ef-

called upon to give practical demonstrations, through themseives, of the phases of medium ship under discussion for that evening; the effects of this system of class development is simply marvelous. Some are controlled to sing, some to give tests, some to read articles psychometricaly, and others to speak, while all are kept under the strict discipling of decorous guides, thus fit-ting each in a practical way for public mark. per lesson, which brings them within reach of all who wish to come under the influence of the guide of this most excellent teacher and enruest notker for the cause of Spiritualism.

## Akron, O.

About every week for the last forty years Spiritualism has been annihilated. We have to take

quite apart from the old town. Over there the deadly work was done in an unfinished Lutheran church. We heard with bated breath for the ten thousandth time just how raps were made to or der and always on tap, with the toe joint; how slates could be made to tell any sort or a tale-if you can only have them in your mediumistic possession for a time; how spirit photographs can be wheedled onto an honest plate, and all that. As to the fact of a strange intelligence be hind all these phenomena the "investigator" rids himself of any embarrassment they might present by a simple, sure, and expeditious process. 'There was none," he declared, and it must be admitted that an easier way of turning down

a troublesome factor could not be devised. On the evening of November 231 the Spiritualists of Akron went to North Hill and gave a meeting in response to the annihilation exhibit of the Lutheran Church. Not in answer, mark you, for one does not like to smirch himself by striking the air, but in response, or because the other has been held. It was a large meeting, and a good one. Mrs. Abbie F. Watkins made the first speech on "Bible Spiritualism," a clear, forcible presentation of the Scripture evidences. Mrs. Watkins is comparatively new to the Spir itualist platform, but she is putting heart, and plenty of it, into her work here, and this, added to a fine presence, a very pleasing voice, clear enunciation and sentences well constructed must bring her prominence and success in the near future. She will not receive according to her de-

servings if they do not. Mr. Motz, a former member of the Lutheran Church, in a clear, direct way, gave his reasons for being a Spiritualist and for not being count ed a crank for his convictions.

Louis Ransom presented Spiritualism's excuse for being with some of the evidence on which it s founded.

Taken all in all the meeting was a very successful response. We are now ready for the next annihilator.

## OBITUARY.

Mrs. Martha H. Potts, one of the oldest Spirit ualists, passed into the higher life from her home in Adrian, Mich., Thanksgiving morning, aged 65 years. She was born in Sterling, N. Y., July 16, 1828, and came to Michigan in 1837. She was married twice, her first husband preceded her to spirit life many years ago, and she was the mother of three children, two of whom passed to the spirit world. Mrs. Potts was a most ardent Spiritualist and a zealous advocate of temperance, and was loved by all who knew her. Her funeral ser vices were conducted by A. B. French, and attended by a large company of relatives and friends.

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